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Why a CHP officer forced suspect's car off the road

Word didn't reach officer that a young child was in the car

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A California Highway Patrol officer who forced a car off the road following a high-speed chase in West Sacramento on March 10 did not know there was a child inside the suspect's car, said Detective Amy Weirich of the West Sacramento Police Department.

The child, 17 months old, was uninjured although the car overturned.

"(The CHP) understood it to be an 'officer down' situation," said Weirich. "CHP is on a completely different radio system from most other agencies. It was put out several times (on West Sacramento police radio) that there was a child in the vehicle. That information has to be relayed from the radio by a West Sacramento police dispatcher to the CHP dispatcher."

Weirich said an internal review showed that word didn't reach the CHP patrol officer, although she did not know where the communication failed.

The chase ensued after a West Sacramento officer responded to a disturbance at a Jefferson Blvd. gas station. She struggled with a male suspect, who then fled in his car, striking her. The officer, who suffered three broken ribs, has been treated for her injuries but is not yet back on duty, said Weirich. The officer's name has not been released.

Other officers chased the suspect for about 12 minutes at speeds that reached over 100 miles per hour. At one point, said Weirich, a police sergeant terminated the chase when speeds became excessive – but the suspect later slowed, and the chase resumed.

A "spike strip" was deployed on West Capitol Avenue and punctured the suspect's tires. But still he drove on.

Near the 1800-block of West Capitol, the CHP officer performed a "pursuit intervention technique," or "PIT maneuver," in which the pursuer pushes a suspect's vehicle off the road from behind and the side.

The car overturned in a field, and 34-year old Douglas Clark was arrested.

The child, who was in a child's car seat, was medically cleared.

Weirich said it was important to remember that the suspect, and not the law enforcement personnel, was responsible for any danger to bystanders such as the child.

"It's not the officer's actions, but the suspect's actions," she said. "Once he's demonstrated complete disregard for law enforcement by assaulting and attempting to flee, what's left that he won't do, including harming the child?"

Crack of the bat, smell of the leather

A WEST SACRAMENTO TRADITION CONTINUES: this weekend marked the annual Opening Day celebration and parade for West Sacramento Little League, which involves hundreds of young local baseball players.

One highlight of the annual event is the parade and the float contest -- the float built by the 'Braves', above, was a first-place winner.

Now it's time to PLAY BALL!

Photo courtesy of Andrea Hart & Betsy Perkins

City public servants honored

From the City of West Sacramento

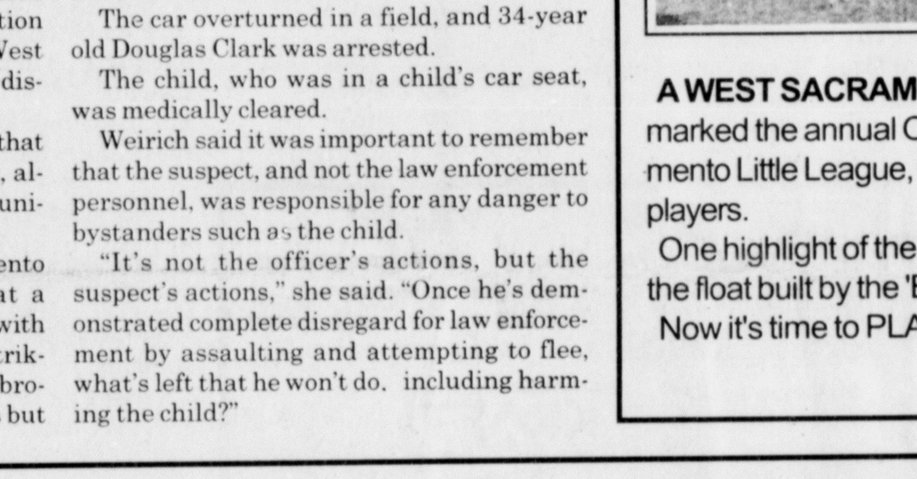
The City of West Sacramento named its "Sacramento Regional Transition Team" as its 2004 "Team of the Year" last week, and Police Officer Jason M. Winger as its "Employee of the Year." The awards were given at a ceremony at last Wednesday's city council meeting.

Winger was selected from among category-winning nominees Stephanie Chaney, Linda Modeste, Connie Hicks, Kent Bastian, Rodney Brian Frank, John Gasketll, Lars Knutsen, Rebecca Madrid, Scott Pheifer and David Tilley.

Winger, an employee of the police force for almost eight years, is an "officer in charge" and "field training officer" in the patrol division, with assignments also as a bomb technician and a narcotics investigations instructor. He has served in the department's SWAT team and with the Yolo Narcotics Enforcement Team, and was the department's first Special Investigations and Criminal Intelligence Detective. He is a member of Yolo's bomb team and volunteers with the Drowning Accident Rescue Team and helps out other community programs.

The city's "Team of the Year includes Caroline Quinn, Michael Bessette, Ellen Nakata-Harper and Greg Fabun, serving on the Sacramento Regional Transition Team to help West Sacramento switch its sewage services over to the Sacramento County system. One of the difficult issues was a "fair" transition for members of the current West Sacramento plant. Other issues included elimination of trees during planning for a new pipeline, the acquisition of private property and similar items. The deal to join Sacramento's system is now nearly finished.

Other nominated teams were the ACE Task Force, Automated Timecard Team, Bridgeway Island Subdivision Team, Fire Station Open House Team, Fire Safety House Team, K-9 Team, Measure K Road Rehabilitation Team, Metro Place at Washington Square Development Team, Project Diamond Team and the South River Road Remodel Team.



ABOVE: 'Employee of the Year" Officer Jason Winger with Mayor Christopher Cabaldon.

BELOW: The mayor with winning city 'team' members Helen Nakata-Harper, Mike Bessette and Caroline Quinn (Greg Fabun not pictured).

Anti-Wal-Mart ordinance fails

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A city council "consensus" asked West Sacramento's planners to come back with "design guidelines" for the proposed Riverpoint shopping center near Reed Avenue and I-80. But a sample ordinance intended to limit the sale of groceries inside a planned Wal-Mart store failed to garner council support.

"The proposed ordinance threatened our retail economic development strategy for any significant retailer without providing any protection for local small businesses," Mayor Christopher Cabaldon said later. The comment was an apparent reference to the ordinance's singling out of groceries for protectionism – a move which would primarily benefit some of the larger companies (grocers) in West Sacramento.

Labor unions representing the workers at local grocery stores have protested the Super Wal-Mart's plans to sell groceries as well as other goods.

West Sacramento City Councilman Bill Kristoff, a retired postal manager, has joined the payroll of labor in a regional attempt to protect their livelihood from the non-union competition at Wal-Mart. Because this created a conflict of interest for him, he "recused" himself from the council's discussion on the issue.

Please see WAL-MART, p. 9

Search: fishermen safe

Police and fire personnel, including a departmental boat, searched yesterday morning for a pair of fisherman reported overdue following a fishing visit to the Port of Sacramento, but the fisherman were found safe.

"Someone thought they were supposed to come back, and they hadn't come back," said Detective Amy Weirich of the West Sacramento Police Department.

"They had just moved to a different location. Our officers found them by walking on foot."

High school paper

This week's edition of the News-Ledger includes a special, four-page insert composed of the River City High School "Review."

The "Review" is the high school's newspaper, and it is written and composed solely by the high school's journalism class and its instructor.

The "Review" is printed by the News-Ledger for distribution on and off campus, as a community service of this paper.

What would the world be like without animals?

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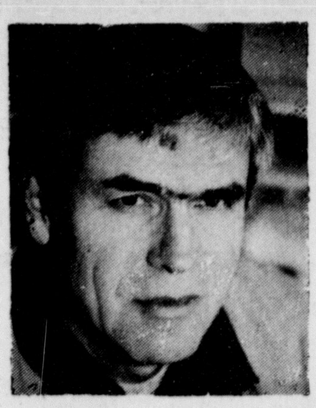

By Daryl Fisher

A friend of mine came up to me last weekend and said, "How come you don't write about animals anymore in that newspaper column of yours? Those were the ones I liked the best."

"Well," I tried to explain, "the only animal I still have left around the house is my dog, Mikey, and he's 13 years old now, so he doesn't do anything very funny or news-worthy nowadays. He just mostly lays around the place and sleeps."

"Well," said my friend, "if you ask me, you better get some animal stuff back in that column of yours if you want people to keep reading it."

And with that in mind, hopefully some of what follows will be of interest to some of you animal lovers out there:

15 doggie promises if he/she were in charge of things:

1. I will not drag my master from the interesting sniffing spots.
2. I will not complain "My arm is tired" after only throwing the tennis ball 20 times.
3. I will drop whatever I am doing and take my master out as soon as he asks me to.
4. I will get rid of those cats.
5. I will not tell my master to hurry up when he's looking for just the right spot to take care of business.
6. I will set up the kiddie swimming pool every day it's hot in the summer.
7. I will not leave my master at home any time I go in the car.
8. I will share everything I eat with my master.
9. I will allow my master on the couch.
10. I will not abandon my master for trivial reasons like "going to work."
11. Bad weather will be no excuse for not walking my master.
12. I will not yell at my master for creating "chew toys" from found objects around the house.
13. I will never run out of treats.
14. I will not make my master wear silly-looking antlers or hats.
15. I will not require my master to get neutered.

*** A frog telephones the Psychic Hotline and is told, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you."

The frog says, "This is great! Will I meet her at a party, or what?"

"No," says the psychic. "You will meet her next semester in her biology class."

*** There were some race horses staying in a stable. One of them starts to boast about his track record. "In the last 17 races, I've won 8 of them!"

Another horse breaks in, "Well, in my last 27 races, I've won 19."

"Well, that's not bad," says another, flicking his tail, "but I've won 28 or 30 so far."

At this point, the horses notice that a greyhound dog has been sitting there listening to them. "I don't mean to boast," says the greyhound, "but I've won all my races!"

The horses are clearly amazed. "Wow," says one after a hushed silence. "A talking dog!"

How to give a cat a pill

Pick cat up and cradle it in the crook of your left arm. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks. As cat opens mouth, pop pill in. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat again and repeat process. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw soggy pill away. Take new pill from foil wrap, force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for count of 10. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe closet. Call spouse from garden. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between legs. Get spouse to hold cat's head firmly. Retrieve cat from curtain rail. Get another pill. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to put pill into the end of a drinking straw. Force cat's mouth open with pencil and blow pill down drinking straw. Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm. Call the fire brigade and retrieve cat from neighbor's tree. Clean up blood from carpet with cold water and soap. Arrange for vet to make a house call.

And finally, a little human/horse joke:

A guy was sitting quietly reading his paper when his wife walked up behind him and whacked him on the head with a frying pan.

"What was that for?" he demanded to know.

"That was for the piece of paper I found in your pants pocket with the name MaryLou written on it," she replied.

"But honey, two weeks ago when I went to the races, MaryLou was the name of one of the horses I bet on -- that's all," he explained.

"Oh, honey, I'm so sorry," she said. "I should have known there was a good explanation."

Three days later the man was watching a ballgame on TV when his wife walked up behind him and hit him in the head again, this time with a skillet, which knocked him out cold.

When he finally came to, he asked, "What on earth was that for?"

"That horse you bet on the other day just called!"

Old-timers recall race track

By John Ohlson
West Sacramento Historical Society

On March 16, the West Sacramento Historical Society met at the Arthur F. Turner Library and heard an account of the old racetrack near the west end of West Capitol Avenue.

Known as the West Capitol Speedway, the track came into existence shortly after the end of World War II and its famous 1/4 mile dirt oval track was a West Sacramento institution for over 35 years. Well-known race car drivers from that era considered it to be one of the best places to race in the entire country.

Four "old-timers" from the auto racing community of those days were on had to reminisce about the mini-auto race cars and their performance under a variety of conditions.

V.C. "Mac" McGowan, the father of Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan, was the owner and operator of the racetrack for many years, drawing competitors from a wide area in this part of the country.

Monsters & more

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.
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The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following books for kids:

"The Essential Worldwide Monster Guide" by Linda Ashman.

"Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez" by Kathleen Krull.

"The Book of Rock Stars: 24 Musical Icons that Shine Through History" by Kathleen Krull.

"What to Expect When the New Baby Comes Home" by Heidi Murkoff.

"Shutting Out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York, 1880 - 1924" by Deborah Hopkinson.

Call 375-6465 for information or library hours.

OBITUARY

Alta Mae Hartley

Alta Hartley passed away at the age of 94 on March 15, 2004 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. She was born on February 28, 1910 in Portageville, Missouri.

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Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved.

—Helen Keller

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The school of hard knocks is an accelerated curriculum.

—Menander

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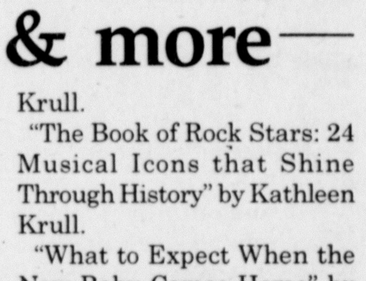

ALTA MAE HARTLEY

Alta moved to Parker, Arizona eleven years ago from West Sacramento where she had owned and operated Alta's Spudnut Donut Shop for eight years. She is survived by her loving family, son, Robert Powell Sr., of Parker, AZ; grandson, Robert Powell Jr.; great grandchildren, Jeremy Powell and Leigha Powell; and nephews, Bobby Ray and Don Whren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ralph Hartley, her parents, and her two sisters, Lorine Ray and Alberta Whren.

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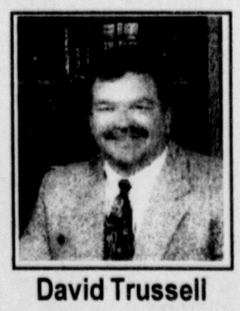
The lender on the other hand is predominately responsible to the borrower. However they too have their own transaction communication that is required to the agents, the title company, Termite Company, the lender, the borrower, product knowledge, submitting the loan appropriately and making sure that the deal closed within the specified time frame. Product knowledge and the paperwork necessary to put a loan together can at times be just as time consuming as the real estate transaction, itself, and the lender usually does have a team working for them.

The Real Estate industry has a tendency to change; weekly it seems. With all the new disclosures, agent responsibilities, loan programs, loan disclosures, etc., it would seem impractical that one person can efficiently handle both sides of the transaction, and to adequately represent their client. I have only known two agents in my 15 years experience that could do such a thing, and they only had 2 to 3 transactions going on at any given time. If you would like to discuss this issue in greatly detail, please feel free to call me anytime.



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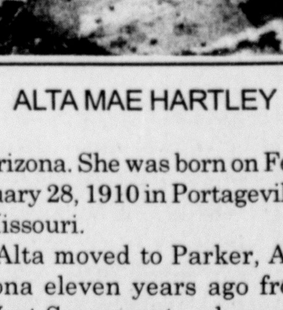

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SPORTS

Raider swimmers: two more wins

By Patricia Andrews

The River City High School swim team improved their league record to 4-0 by winning both of their swim meets last week.

On Tuesday the Raiders were challenged by Pioneer High School in Woodland with both the ladies and men's teams claiming victories by scores of 101 to 33 and 71 to 69.

Lady Raider highlights include first place finishes by Tricia Andrews in the 500 freestyle and 100 back stroke; Jenna Alander, first in the 50 and 100 medley; Lizzie Harris, first in the 100 butterfly; and Kelsey Bozeman, first in the 200 freestyle.

The team of Andrews, Tracy Davis, Alander, and Harris won the 200 medley and the 400 freestyle relays, while the team of Bozeman, Ashley Lamb, Erica Moore and Caitlin Paige won the 200 freestyle.

The men's competition featured first place finishes by Cameron Davis in the 100 and 500 freestyle and Andrew Blue in the 100 back stroke. The team of Ryan Westlake, Michael Ramos, Davis, and Anthony Blue won the 400 freestyle relay.

Thursday the Raiders hosted swimmers from Foothill and Highlands high schools and they continued their winning ways with 100 to 57 and 92 to 28 victories. All the teams demonstrated good sportsmanship by cheering for swimmers who were having difficulties finishing their events.

Lady Raider highlights included first place finishes for Jenna Alander in the 200 individual medley and 100 breast stroke; Tricia Andrews in the 100 back stroke; Kelsey Bozeman in the 100 freestyle; Tracy Davis in the 50 freestyle; and Lizzie Harris in the 200 freestyle. The team of Andrews, Davis, Harris and Alander won the 200 medley and the 400 freestyle relays. The team of Bozeman, Moore, Paige and Lamb won the 200 freestyle relay.

The highlights for the Raider men included first place finishes for Cameron Davis in the 200 individual medley and 100 breast stroke; Anthony Blue in the 50 and 100 freestyle; Ryan Westlake in the 100 butterfly; and Dan Rumsey in the 500 freestyle. The team of Andrew and Anthony Blue, Westlake and Davis won the 200 medley relay while Shawn Tapia, Rumsey, Patrick Steward and Andrew Blue won the 200 freestyle relay and Westlake, Ramos, Davis and Anthony Blue won the 400 freestyle relay.

This week the Raiders will face off against the Dixon Rams, the 2003 conference champions, who are also undefeated this year. The meet will be held at the River City High School swimming pool.

Two more wins:

RC tennis: alone at the top

From RCHS

Heading into the 2004 Capital Valley Conference (CVC) schedule, the River City High School tennis team figured to be challenged for the top spot by squads from Vanden and Dixon, last year's runner-up and third-place finisher, respectively. But after last week's shutout matches against both, River City finds itself back alone at the top of the CVC standings.

It was the first time River City posted a shutout against Vanden. #1 boys singles player Judd Jadol led RC by winning his match 3-6,6-4,6-3. Sen Saetern dominated his opponent 6-0,6-1 in the #2 boys singles match and cousins Mai Ker Yang (#1) and Leslie Yang (#2) won the girls singles contests.

In doubles action, Sou H. Saetern and John Shofner, Randi Eckman and Vu Tran, Shannon Rivers and Kyle Fisher, Krystle Parkison and Heather Yip, and Cheng Saetern and Aseng Saechao all won their matches.

Against the Dixon Rams, the Raider's closest match was the 10-6 victory by Savuth Touch and Saechao at #2 boys doubles. Mai Ker Yang didn't drop even a game in her #1 girls singles match and neither did the #2 girls doubles team of Eckman and Tran. Rivers and Fisher lost just two games in mixed doubles, Shofner and Sou H. Saetern won 10-1, and Sen Saetern and Leslie Yang gave up just three games apiece in the #2 singles matches. Jadol cruised 6-2,6-0 in the #1 boys singles contest while Parkison and Yip won handily in #1 girls doubles.

The wins against Vanden and Dixon have the Raiders alone at the top of the conference standings.

"It's always better to have everyone chasing you the rest of the way, than to have to chase after them for the next six weeks," said Coach Dave Brooks.

River City is now 4-0 in the CVC and 8-1 overall. They host three matches in the next few days: March 25th against Foothill; March 26th against Lincoln; and next Tuesday's first-ever meeting with Pioneer, a new high school in Woodland. All three matches begin at 3:30 p.m. on the Raider tennis courts.

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (51-19) are still hanging on to the NBA's best record but the Minnesota Timberwolves and Los Angeles Lakers are only three and four games behind the leaders in the Western Conference. The Kings are closing in on their third consecutive Pacific Division title. The defending champion Spurs (46-24) trail the Kings by 5 games, while the Dallas Mavericks (44-25) currently in 5th place, chase the Kings by 6 ½ games with 12 contests remaining in the regular season.

The Kings' three-game East Coast road trip started out with a spanking by the New Jersey Nets and a shocking upset loss to the lowly Washington Wizards. The only thing that salvaged the trip was dramatic come-from-behind win against the Eastern Conference leading Indiana Pacers (50-19).

The Kings sorely miss Bobby Jackson, who still nursing his pulled abdominal muscle. Bibby has responded to the challenge picking up the scoring slack with at least 20 points in nine of the last 11 contests. Also, Chris Webber is starting to work his way back into playoff form while the Kings await the return of their "Most Valuable Sixth Man."

The Kings had to mount a 100-95 come-from-behind victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday to keep up the pace in the race for the Division title.

The big game will be in Hollywood on Wednesday night (ch.10/ESPN) against the "Shaq and Kobe Show." The Lakers lost Horace Grant to a hip injury but they are expected to be at full strength for the show down with the Kings at the Staples Center.

It will be the second game of a back-to-back series for the Purple, Silver, and Black, but the Kings will enjoy three days off before they host the Washington Wizards next Sunday (6 p.m.) at the friendly confines of the Arco Arena.

NCAA Action

The tournament started out with 64 teams, but after a wild four days in the first and second rounds, top-seeded teams like Kentucky, Stanford and Gonzaga will be home watching TV while the remaining sweet sixteen complete for the NCAA title.

Here are my picks for next week! In the East, I think St. Joe's will battle with Oklahoma St. but the Cowboys will prevail and head to the Alamo in San Antonio on April 3rd as one of the final four. I predict a big upset in St. Louis, with the University of Alabama-Birmingham shocking the world with their first final four appearance.

In Phoenix, UConn will ease their way into Texas and are my favorite to win the NCAA Championship. A great battle should ensue in Atlanta with Duke playing the winner of the University of Texas and upset specialist Xavier.

I like Xavier to beat Texas then upset Duke. If Texas wins, then they willbe on their

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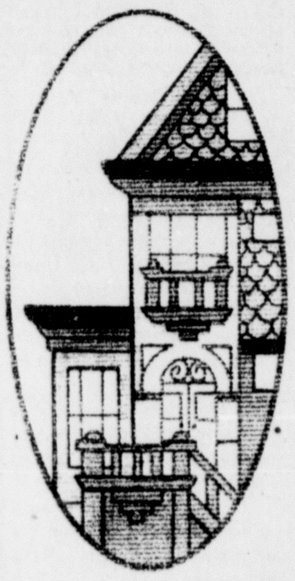

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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. Who was the first Canadian to be elected to baseball's Hall of Fame?
2. Name the first three major-league players to have three consecutive multihomer games.
3. What AFC team has appeared in the most Super Bowls?
4. Who was the first men's basketball coach in Big East history to be fired during the season?
5. Which NHL team holds the record for most no-decisions in a season?
6. Which two teams were in the Women's United Soccer Association championship (Founders Cup III) in 2003?
7. In what year did Diana Crump become the first female jockey to race at a U.S. parimutuel track?

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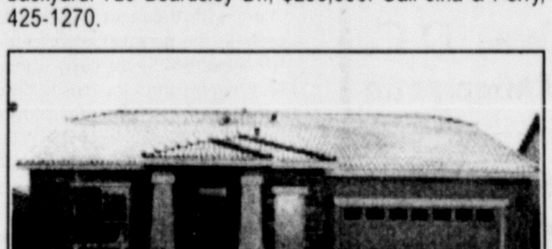

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Filed Feb 3 2004
File No. 2004-123

The following person is doing business as Vintage Creations, 610 Kentucky Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Victoria Martucci and Mark Milton, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on '98. Previous fictitious business name number 98-760.

/s/Victoria Martucci
/s/Mark Milton

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb 3, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1062647-08 APN: 045-671-08 TRA: 004039 Loan No. 31537236 REF: **Johnson, William IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED February 20, 2002. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On April 13, 2004, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded February 26, 2002, as Inst. No. 2002-0008458-00, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by William R. Johnson, Jr. and Linda Tillman-Johnson, Husband and Wife As Joint Tenants, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: At the rear (north) entrance to the City Hall Building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3421 Martinique Street West Sacramento CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust to wit: $243,491.45 with interest thereon from July 01, 2003 at 10.000% per annum as provided in said note(s) plus costs and any advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT $265,948.48. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corp., 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated March 22, 2004 Trustee Sale Officer: Rhonda Rorie. R-106462 (03/24/04, 03/31/04, 04/07/04)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 26, 2004
File No. 2004-212

The following person is doing business as West Sacramento Custom Fabrication, 3963 Commerce Dr, W. Sac. 95691:

Bullet Guard Corp., same address.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-23-04.

/s/Sharon Durst

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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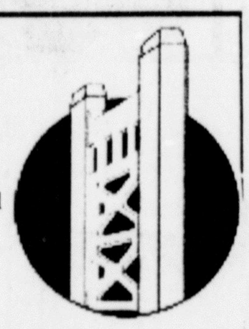

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 1 , 2004
File No. 04-230

The following person is doing business as Singh's Landscaping, 3590 Partridge Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Parminder Singh Bola, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9-10-03.

/s/Parminder Singh Bola

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Mar 1, 2004
by: /s/Matt Lugo, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HILLERY ELI WINDHAM CASE NUMBER PB04-53

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Hillery E. Windham.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by David L. Lyons in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David L. Lyons be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 22, 2004, at 8:20 a.m. at Dept. 11 at Yolo County Superior Court, 812 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/Linda S. Patrick
1540 Jefferson Blvd.
West Sacramento CA 95691

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California 95691, until **2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, April 16th, 2004** at which time and place they will be publicly opened for the construction of:

Bridgeway Island Park No. 2

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work will consist of the construction of new park facilities, and all related components necessary to complete the work as specified in the Contract plans titled, "**Bridgeway Island Park Site 2**", and these Specifications. In addition, the work includes the replacement of any facilities removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within ninety (90) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California 95691. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $25.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $35.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Project specifications may be purchased separate from the plans for a cost of $10.00 over the counter or $15.00 by mail.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "A" General Engineering Contractor's License** issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder for the BASE BID or combination of BASE BID and Add Alternates selected at the sole discretion of the City, whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

Date:
By: Stephen M. Patek, Director of Community Development

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, California until **2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, April 13, 2004**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the:

PARK BOULEVARD STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work generally consists of the rehabilitation of the paved roadway by grinding the existing asphalt concrete surface, installing pavement reinforcing fabric and placing an asphalt concrete overlay or slurry seal as shown on the plans. The work shall also include the installation of curb ramps, median curbs, curbs & gutters, valley gutters, driveways and sidewalks; adjustment of manholes, water valves, air relief vaults and monuments to grade; storm drainage, landscape and irrigation, installation of traffic loop detectors, striping; and other related improvements.

In addition, the work shall include the replacement of any pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter or public and private improvements removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract, as well as all necessary traffic control.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within **Fifty (50) working days** from the date designated in the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of **$25.00** or may be mailed upon request and payment of **$35.00**. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

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Construction License: The successful bidder must posses a current **Class "A" General Engineering Contractor's License** issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIR

A Draft Environmental Impact report has been prepared for the "Villages at Southport" project located in Southport Business Park, West Sacramento. This Draft EIR has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of a proposed General Plan Amendment, Rezoning, Vesting Tentative Maps, Development Agreement Amendment, Planned Development Text Amendment, and Redevelopment Project Area Amendment on approximately 255 acres located in the southern and eastern portions of Southport Business Park. The project proponent seeks to rezone and subdivide lands primary zoned for industrial uses into lands zoned primarily for single-family resident tial, multi-family residential, and public park purposes. Approximately 1,238 residential units are proposed. The Draft EIR notes impacts on the environment and contains mitigation measures, which when implemented, will reduce the potential impacts to less than significant. The EIR also notes impacts which cannot be mitigated.

Copies of the Draft EIR are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may comment on the Draft EIR before 5:00 p.m. on May 7, 2004, by calling or writing to David W. Tilley, Senior Planner, of the Community Development Department at the above address and telephone number. Any affected party may also appear at the April 15th, 2004, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Draft EIR and/or the proposed project. Please contact the Community Development Department to confirm the meeting date, time, and location.

Upon completion of the review period, a Final EIR will be prepared based on the input received about the Draft EIR.

Mar 24

From your Assemblywoman:

County librarian is Wolk's 'woman of year'

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (D-Davis) honored Yolo County Librarian Mary Stephens as the 8th Assembly District's "Woman of the Year" in a ceremony March 15.

"Under Mary's direction, the Yolo County library system has grown into a wonderful community resource that recognizes our diversity and educational priorities," said Wolk in a press release. "And she has done it with a wonderful mix of intelligence, energy and humor."

Stephens is a Yolo County native. She began her professional library career at UC Davis and became the county's top librarian in 1969.

School board meets tonight

The school board of the Washington Unified School District will meet tonight (Wednesday, March 24) in public session at 7 p.m. at the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. The meeting date has been moved from Thursday in order not to conflict with tomorrow's "State of the City" address and dinner.

Agenda items will include acceptance of donation of 40 trees to Southport Elementary School; agreement for retirement incentive for teachers; amendment to environmental impact report scope of work; selection of auditors, treasury report, update on High School Pupil Success Act; board policies on suicide prevention, dress and grooming (footware); information on The Rivers (formerly the Lighthouse development) and its planned K-8 school; contracts with providers for Westfield Elementary program improvement; algebra I waiver request;

Update on Bridgeway Island; proposed parking lot expansion at Westfield Elementary; inclusion of skate park in city agreement for Westacres Park; facility improvements at River City High; upgrades at Washington Children's Center; and various personnel actions.

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way to the Alamo and will probably win the NCAA title in their home state of Texas on Monday, April 5.

NFL Free Agent News

The local free agent news has settled down a bit after the Terrell Owens soap opera came to a close. Owens managed to get his way and signed a 7-year $42 million dollar deal with the Eagles. T.O. still missed out on his big signing bonus, but he will play in Philly with Dovovan McNabb next season. The NFL came out with a settlement to satisfy the 49ers, who received veteran defensive end, Brandon Whiting and the Ravens who got back their second round pick from the Niners and the Eagles fifth round choice in 2005.

Owens will receive around $6 million per season from Philly, which was about what the 49ers offered. The 49ers may have received damaged goods from the Eagles, because Whiting played most of last season with a bum shoulder. Let's see if he passes the team physical.

The Oakland Raiders jumped in the Warren Sapp free agent pool and signed the nine-year veteran to a 7-year deal worth around $37 million. The Raiders have been busy patching up the front lines on both sides of the ball.

Boxing News

Don Chargin, Sacramento's regular promoter and new promoter, Oscar De La Hoya, will be putting on four to six shows at Arco Arena this year. The first card will probably be in July showcasing local talent.

Oscar's Golden Boy Promotions company is assembling a stable of well know fighters. The stable includes Mexico's Oscar Larios, who KO'd West Sacramento's Willie Jorrin two years ago for the World Boxing Council super-bantamweight title, and Sacramento's top contender, Juan Lazcano, who will face former champion Jose Luis Castillo for the vacant WBC lightweight crown June 5 in Las Vegas. Oscar De La Hoya and Bernard Hopkins will also fight on the June 5th card in separate bouts.

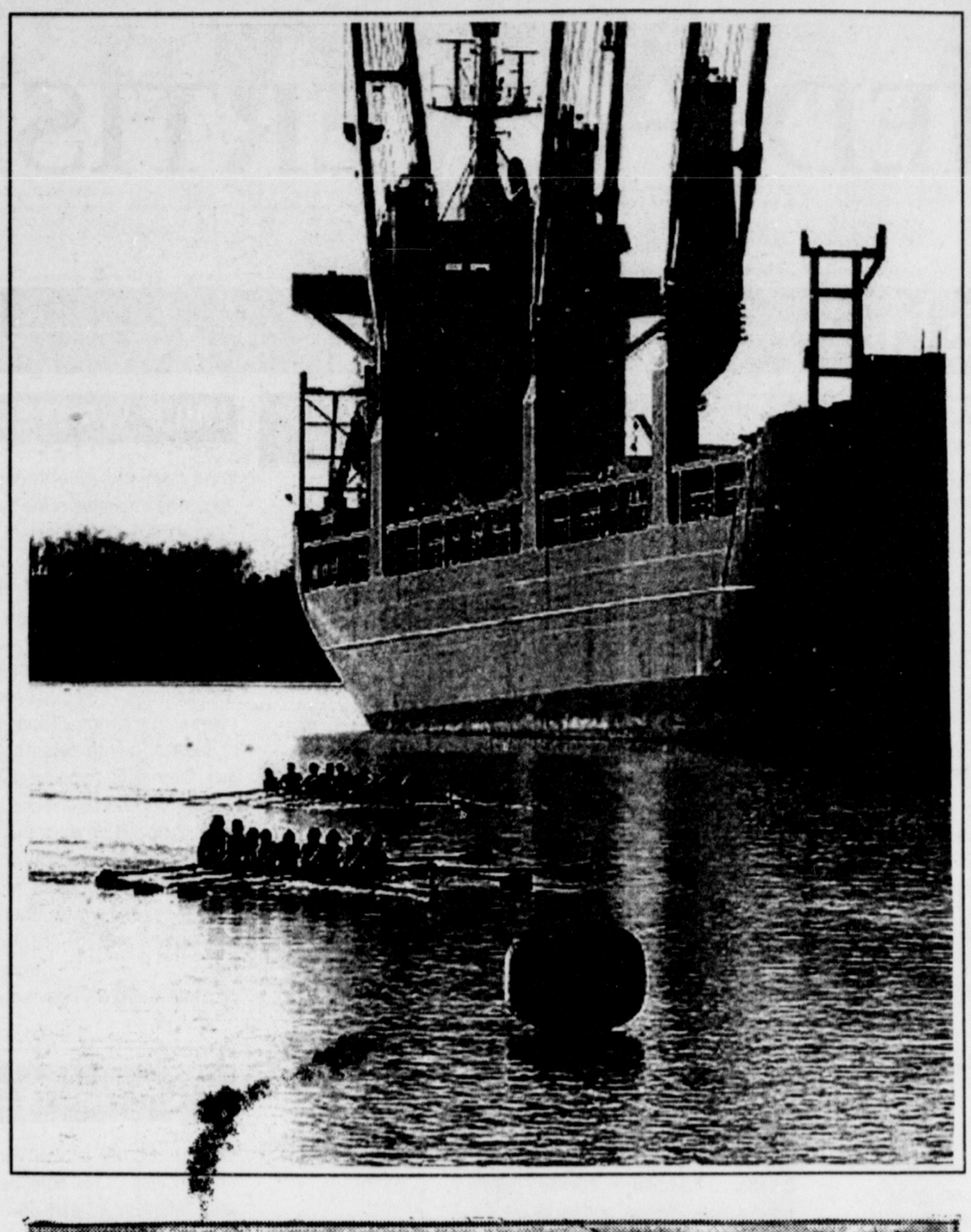
West Sacramento's Gilbert Martinez and Michael Simms of Sacramento are set to box in Saturday's heavyweight-oriented show at Caesars Tahoe. Martinez will fight an eight-rounder against the last man to fight Mike Tyson, Clifford (The Black Rhino) Etienne of Baton Rouge, La.

Martinez, who turns 38 in May, is 18-6-1 with seven knockouts. Etienne, who was stopped in one round by Tyson 13 months ago in Memphis, Tenn., is 26-2-1 with 19 KOs. Simms (12-1-1, 10 KOs) will face Willie Chapman (18-18-3, 5 KOs) of Ogden, Utah, in a six-rounder. The featured main event will be a 10-round heavyweight bout between Anthony Thompson (21-1, 13 KOs) of Silver Spring, Md., and Derek Bryant (17-2, 14 KOs) of Philadelphia.

Congratulations to Vicente Escobedo of Woodland on qualifying for U.S. boxing team that will compete in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. The 132-pounder outpointed Jaider Parra of Venezuela 27-10 in their four-round semifinal bout last Wednesday night in the Tournament of Americas in Tijuana, Mexico.

Bring home the gold, Vince!

See ya next week!



Shell game

LEFT: Two women's eight-oared crews racing to the line this weekend at the Port of Sacramento, past a freighter docked at a pier.

West Sacramento's River City Rowing Club hosted the regatta, which catered to adult rowers in their first or second year of the sport. Visitors included competitors from clubs in Petaluma, California; Ashland, Oregon and Tempe, Arizona.

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River City Rowing Club

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First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor 1511 Delaware Ave., 371-4061 Morning Wrshp/Sun Schl 9:45am Adult choir 4:45pm Child. Choir 5pm/Prayer Grp 6pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Grp 6:30pm Tues. Nite Bible Study 7pm Wed. Nite Akawana (K-6) 6:30 Thurs. Nite Quilting 7pm	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** Pastor Bruce Maier 2568 Industrial Blvd. 10:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	Call 371-8030 to find out how your church can reach local people through this advertising space.	**Center for Spiritual Awareness** 1020 W. Capitol Ave. 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Junior Church, 11 am Multicultural Gospel Choir Wed. 7 pm Peace Prayers *'The last place you should catch hell is in your church"*

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Updates and Briefs

R.C. students advance in speech contests

Four R.C. students were selected to advance in the annual Rotary and Lion's Clubs speech contests. Junior William Duncan recently advanced to the region level of the Lions Club competition. His required topic is, "Democracy: Is it for everyone?" and he beat out competitors from Christian Brothers and Sheldon High Schools to get to the final round of the contest. Junior Yvette Inzunza and sophomores Johnna Sulpizio and Agripina Santiago advanced to the club level of the Rotary International, addressing the topic, "The Four-Way Test of Things We Think, Say, or Do..." These students have to give a speech applying a test to everyday life. Duncan was scheduled to compete last Friday, March 19, but the results were unknown as of press-time, while the Rotary Club contestants will speak again on. Rotary International and the Lions Club are international philanthropic organizations, and the groups offer prize money for the best speeches.

By Marlena Brookins and Samantha Cieri
Staff Writers

Author coming to R.C.

Author and illustrator Ashley Wolff will be visiting our school on April 28, 2004. She has written a large number of children books, but Wolff is even more popular for her colorful and exuberant artwork. In the past, when she has come to R.C., English classes have come in to see her, but in April, she will be visiting art students. She is going to be here to meet with all the art students to show them the process of publishing and demonstrate some of her drawing techniques.

By Jessica Colgan
Staff Writer

New flip flop policy

As of March 18, River City has a new policy about students wearing flip flops on campus. The administration decided to allow flip flops on campus after many staff members agreed they were not a major safety issue. Individual teachers may still ban flip flops from their classes, and classes like Metals/Automotive Technology, Ceramics and P.E. will still limit students from wearing flip flops for safety reasons.

By Daniel Wilson
Editor-In-Chief

Play cancelled

This year's play, "The Inner Willy," has been postponed indefinitely due to lack of student involvement. Instead, the entire drama class will be producing two nights of one act plays. Every student enrolled in a drama class will involved and on stage. The Advanced Drama class will be directing these plays to help in developing their skills as student directors. The two nights of plays will be May 21 and 22. The title will be "An Evening of One-Acts" featuring the drama classes of River City High School.

WUSD lays off 20 R.C. teachers

Layoffs could mean program cuts

By Daniel Wilson and Sarah Cozad
Editor-in-Chief and Opinions Editor

During the week of March 8, 20 "pink slips" or RIF (Reduction In Services) notices were handed out to various River City teachers. The positions laid off include four English teachers, one ESL teacher, one home economics teacher, four math teachers, two physical education teachers, one science teacher, one social studies teacher, one Spanish teacher, one metal/auto shop teacher, and a half a position for the counseling department.

"Without our teachers and classes there's less opportunity to get a wider understanding of the world. Teachers help us see what's real and teach us the truth about World" said junior Monica Estorga. According to Washington Unified School District, the school board needs to free up 3.1 million dollars for next year due to the new state budget. The district had overestimated the number of enrollees in the elementary level and hired more teachers than were needed. The school board has said that R.C. should cut back to 6 periods a day, which means that not as many teachers will be needed. "I've been directed to build a six period master schedule, so that's what I'm going to do" said R.C. Principal Mr. Geivett.

Mr. Bill Mesquita, the district's Director of Human Resources, says that these layoffs are not necessarily going to happen. Per union contract, all "pink slips" must be delivered to teachers by March 15, to give them plenty of notice. Last year, many layoff slips were given out and most of those employees were rehired. However, according to Mrs. McMahen who responded on behalf of the Washington Teacher's Union, this year's situation is a lot more serious than last year and these layoffs are more likely to happen than last year's. "It's understandable that the district is in a difficult position with next year's budget but it saddens me that lives of so many people have to be disrupted. I hope that the budget can be balanced without having to follow through on the layoffs. However, if the school day has been cut back to six periods fewer teachers will be needed." McMahen says cutting 48 sections will mean R.C. will need approximately ten fewer teachers. McMahen added that an adjustment in courses offered could mean no P.E. for seniors, intervention math and English classes would have to be after school, or drama classes could be consolidated into one period.

Mesquita says the district is well aware of the disruptions for the school and staff. "The decisions were based on the district's current situation, but there is a strong possibility that that situation may be different at the end of April. There's a strong chance that all the teachers will be hired back for next year, and past practice tells me that too." The district will also be looking at retirements and attrition, which could change the number of layoffs that will happen. He says that this year's retirement numbers will probably be higher than normal. There are 15-20 expected retirements this year as opposed to the average of five.

Ms. Hatz, a P.E. teacher and sports coach of two teams at R.C. who received a "pink slip," says she feels that layoffs should be taken very seriously, "I am pretty angry about the layoffs this year. I was upset about it last year as well. It really upset my team (softball), which upset me even more. I told my team I wasn't going to worry about it this year until after the season, they come first. I cannot honestly say I won't look for another job this year. I didn't last year, because I wanted to show my loyalty and have faith. However, faith and loyalty will not make my car payment, my house payment, or my student loan payment. I have options, and may explore them. Right now, my focus is on school, my team, and doing the best job I can, even if I'm getting laid off."

Geivett told *The Review* that the layoffs and who is given a "pink slip" is not his decision. Geivett said that the process is designed so that teachers/personnel are cut in order to save the district money. An attempt is usually made to cut those positions that will affect students the least. Often, cuts are made to elective areas or special programs that are funded through the "general fund."

"Unfortunately, anytime we cut an elective class, students won't be able to enroll in that class. It's not the best for students in as much as they cannot enroll in classes that they might be truly interested in. However, there's just a lack of money and it's a fact of life that we have to do this. I don't like the situation but that's how it is," said Geivett.

Geivett also explained that no cuts in classified jobs such as Campus Supervisors and cafeteria workers have been planned yet. He says that those positions have a different cut off deadline than the teacher layoffs. "Classified staff members work under a different contract that calls for layoffs to be handled in other ways. Although classified staff layoffs have not been discussed yet, it's very possible that there could be classified cuts as well," Geivett said.

One change that is certain is that R.C. will not have any returning Vice Principals next year. Ms. Broxton is retiring, Mr. Pearman was on a one-year contract funded by the II/USP program, and Mr. Metros will not be returning. This will mean that the staff and students will have to deal with all new V.P.'s next year for discipline and their other area of responsibility. Geivett would not comment on individual situations, but he did say that he will be working on "a transition plan that involves hiring staff, training as appropriate, and discussing new Assistant Principals' areas of strength and interests to divide up duties and responsibilities for next year." This will also include setting up the school's new six period day.

Several of the layoffs were new teachers. English teacher Ms. Smith received a "pink slip" and said, "I really want to come back, I love my job, but I expected a pink slip." Ms. Penrose, another new English teacher, said she wasn't surprised. "I've been expecting the layoff notice, and am trying to remain optimistic the there will be a position available for me next year. I've really enjoyed my time here at R.C. and hope to return. With the decision to cut the schedule to six periods instead of seven next year, fewer teachers will be needed next year. Hopefully, there will be enough positions for those of us wishing to return."

At least one of the layoffs could affect an entire program. Mr. Brown has been given a "pink slip", which means that the Metal and Automotive Technology programs are in danger of being cut. According to Geivett, these programs are cut first because they can free up more money than others. While Brown understands why the district needs to make cuts, he feels that slashing such an important program isn't the way to go.

"I feel that this program, much like other programs, could survive the budget cuts. Certain parts of the program could be cut without losing the whole program," said Brown. He added that he has seen no proof that cutting the program will save the district a significant amount of money and thinks the district doesn't understand the value of such vocational programs.

"The district needs to realize that the skills taught in classes like these can highly benefit students because they teach real career skills that can be used in jobs right out of high school. It saddens me that students may lose the opportunity to gain these skills."

When asked how he's dealing with the situation and about his future plans Brown said, "I have seniority and multiple credentials so I'll probably bump someone with fewer credentials and seniority out and still have a job so cutting the programs will not negatively affect my future, but it will surely limit the options available to future River City students."

At least one of his students agrees.

"I would really hate to see the class go because it helps out people who want to take up welding," said Adam Hornsby, a senior in Metals.

Awards night held

First semester awards finally distributed

By Matt Richardson
News Co-Editor

After a forty-two day delay due to basketball and other gym-related sports and activities, R.C. held its 3rd annual first-semester awards night on March 15 in the school gym at 6:00 p.m.. Staff members gave awards to approximately three hundred River City students for excellence in many different subjects. These areas included being on the honor and high honor roll, having perfect attendance, participating in Academic Decathlon, Mock Trial, Leadership, and awards for outstanding students in Drama, English, Journalism, Fine Arts, Music, Industrial Arts, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Leadership, and World Languages. "I feel great to finally get rewarded for my effort in school," said Francisco Valdez, who received awards for the 3.5 – 3.99 honor roll and perfect attendance.

The night started off with a selection of jazz pieces performed by R.C.'s jazz band. Next, the honor roll and perfect attendance pins were given out, followed by a group of River City's vocalists who sang our high school's long-lost alma mater. After all of the pins were distributed, the students went to the back table and received their awards. The jazz band then performed *When the Saints Go Marchin' In.* "The ceremony went pretty well, but I was very disappointed that a lot of students didn't show up to get their awards that they had been working for all semester," said Ms. Broxton, a vice-principal who estimated that just over 200 people were present. To end the night, at 7:30 p.m., the recipients and their family and friends had refreshments in the cafeteria.

WASC visits River City

Will the WASC team accredit R.C.'s diplomas?

By Daniel Wilson
Editor-In-Chief

WASC, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges recently made their accreditation visit to River City. The WASC team visited R.C. on March 21-24. The WASC team is made up of various principals, teachers, students and staff from schools all over the area. The team's goal was to tour the school and review the school's accomplishments and areas that could use improvement. "This will help students because if the diplomas are not accredited then a student's graduation will basically mean nothing," said Vice Principal Ms. Broxton.

Ms. Alton, R.C.'s WASC coordinator, has been busy all school year working on the WASC accreditation report, which the WASC team reviewed a month before coming to the school. The report is a binder that explains various areas that the school has both improved on and can work on in the future.

The main parts of the report include: Student/Community Profile, which discusses enrollment and school rules. ESLR's (Expected School wide Learning Results), which discusses the ESLR program and whether the focus areas are working, Progress Report, which covers R.C.'s accomplishments, action plan, areas of follow-up and additional recommendations, Curriculum and Instruction Assessment and Accountability, Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth, Culture, Leadership and Staff, and Vision and Purpose, which cover the focus groups' findings for each area of the process. The final section of the report is the Schoolwide Action Plan, which covers areas of progress and what each group has accomplished and needs to focus on in the future.

"The WASC process is very important because all schools need to be accredited for their diplomas to have value. Students and staff have done a wonderful job getting the binder put together," said R.C. Vice Principal, Mr. Metros.

R.C. staff are not the only ones who work on the WASC process; it also involves a lot of students, such as Junior Monico Castro, Sophomore Phylene Bonilla, and Senior Erin Gereghty. "WASC is a very important process because getting an accredited diploma is what we are here for. I've enjoyed working with WASC and I think allowing student involvement is a great thing because our voices need to be heard," said Castro.

WASC has reviewed R.C. through this process every six years, with a three-year check-up in between. If a school is found to need more work, WASC will come every three years to assure that the school gets on the right track. In past years R.C. has done well with the process and has had few problems meeting their goals. The goal of the process is to make sure that the school is teaching the correct curriculum and has improved on the specific areas indicated during their previous visit. "We're hoping that WASC decides they need to come back in six years because that means we're doing our job," said Alton.

Update on freak dancing

By Chelsea Mudgett
Staff Writer

On Friday, February 13, the Valentine's Day dance was held in R.C.'s cafeteria. After multiple warnings from Ms. Costanza, the D.J., and chaperones for students to stop their "dirty dancing," fourteen to twenty-four students were told to leave and Costanza finally shut down the dance at 11:00 p.m.

Costanza now says that a new procedure is being considered. "With this new procedure we'll try to pre-sell tickets, with a required parent or legal guardian signature," said Costanza. If students are caught freak dancing, they will be sent to the office and the parents or guardians will be contacted and asked to come pick up the student. A count of defiance would then be placed on their permanent record and would stay with them for the rest of their high school years.

No signatures were required for the most recent Sadie Hawkins dance.

Opinions

Letters To The Editor

The following are responses to the February editorials on same-sex marriage.

Dear Editor: On the recent editorial by Sarah Smith about gay marriages, I wanted to say that I'm glad that somebody is finally stepping up and standing for what they believe in. I'm proud of Sarah; she has morals and she is standing up for them. Thank you for your time.

Senior Brandi Medina

Dear Editor: I have come to expect the opinion articulated in the commentary on same-sex marriage, "Gay people are sinners," from those who espouse one narrow brand of religious belief.

More to the point of the matter, however, is the commonly held but altogether misplaced view that marriage is primarily a religious institution. In the context of the legal issues involved in the present discussion, marriage is a civil, not a religious intuition—a contract that is regulated by the state. No one, so far as far as I am able to discern, is suggesting that any church, synagogue, or mosque be required to perform a marriage RITE for a gay or lesbian couple. What we are demanding, in line with the constitutions of both the nation and the state of California, is that the civil RIGHT to marry be extended equality to all, including those of us who are gay or lesbian.

While I would never suggested that a student does not have the right to her opinions or the right to publish them, I would like to gently remind you your correspondent that there are gay and lesbian students on our campus, there are gay and lesbian staff members on our campus (I happen to be one), and there are students and staff members who have loved ones and friends who are gay or lesbian.

We are entitled to a teaching and learning environment that is safe and free from harassment and to work in an environment that isn't one of the mere "tolerance," but one of respect and affirmation. Hardly a day goes by that I do not hear a student utter the insult "That's so gay" as if it were the default response to anything the speaker finds untoward. Students toss it off without thinking. It seems that associating anything one doesn't like with the word "gay" is acceptable nowadays. Well, it is not acceptable to me, and I know that there are many others who feel the same way.

The real threat to our society lies not in making marriage equal for all; it lies in the expansion of ignorance, fear, and discrimination in the very document that makes this country great. I only hope that the basic goodness of our people isn't overwhelmed by the deceit of some of our leaders and the ignorance of so many followers, and that our Constitution will remain intact and serve to guarantee equality for all of our citizens, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression.

Social Sciences teacher Mr. O'Connor

Dear Editor: I would like to express my opinion about the article entitled "Gay People are Sinners". There is nothing wrong with same-sex relationships. I have many friends and relatives who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual, and I don't mind, as long as they are happy. For one, you don't have any control, what so ever, over whom you love. Secondly, who do you think you are to say what is or what isn't acceptable, or what's right or wrong?

Junior Esmeralda Block

Secret spring break hobbies of R.C. Staffers...
E to the C to the O to the N... ECON! Uh-huh!
Hi! I would like to order a pizza... and could you put the crust on top this time?
Ms. Carlisle the rapper
Mr. Geivett the prank caller
Radical! I won!
Math Blaster Pinball
I AM THE CORRECTOR! FEEL THE WRATH OF MY RED PEN!
Sarah Cozad
Mr. Coffin the arcade master
Ms. Allan the Professional wrestler

"Girls sit down to pee" : Cute or crass?

R.C. writer opinions on February's Battle of the Sexes Rally

School rallies shouldn't be sexest

The Battle of the Sexes rally is R.C's biggest rally and every year hundreds of students attend and love it. However, there are some students who feel the whole idea of girls versus boys is sexist and the rally should be cancelled. I personally agree with this perspective and think there are some things in the rally that are very sexist and should banned or at least changed.

I found several posters and shirts at the rally to be offensive to both guys and girls. The boys were calling themselves pimps and the girls' shirts had a slogan about their period. There were also inappropriate words exchanged between the students who led the rally. I wouldn't have minded if the words exchanged were kept clean, but when inappropriate words used, the idea of school spirit is killed.

Also, the contests and competitions in the rally were not understood well by both the students participating and those that were watching the events. Half the time the students didn't know what to do and the other side did so the other side won easily. One example was were the girls and boys had to do a relay around the gym and eat pie on the floor. Neither side knew what to do at first until the girls finally understood and had already won by the time the guys even knew what was going on. It makes games unfair if one side has an advantage over the other.

Leadership should organize the games better and give examples of how to play. For example, if one game is a relay, leadership should have one student run the course to demonstrate how to do it.

The judging of the rally should also be taken much more seriously. Having four judges instead of three will help students understand who won the games. With three judges, one side has two judges on their side, because two of the judges have to be male or female. The side with one more judge has an advantage over the other.

In conclusion, the battle of the sexes rally promotes discrimination. How can we be expected to unite as a school as one if the school is creating celebrations that promotes sexism?

By Cameron Perla
Staff writer

BOTS: The rally everyone goes to

Pink and blue are scattered on walls, basketball hoops, and even the people themselves. The bleachers are filled with these colorful, excited students. The girls have pink ribbons in their hair and the guys sport their blue caps. The walls are completely covered. If anybody goes to a rally, they will go to this one. I am one of the many students who have attended the Battle of the Sexes rally both years I've been at this school. I like these rallies because it's a way for girls to prove that they are better than boys. Guys make fun of us because we talk in high-pitched voices and don't know much about the NBA, but actually some of us do know who LeBron James and Carmello Anthony are. The rally is a way for us to make the rules and the guys do what we want. Girls make all the rules for the games and boys have to follow them, even if they don't like them.

Many people don't agree with the whole idea of "Battle of the Sexes." Some teachers and students think that the rally is a sexist, stereotyped free-for-all. However, girls versus boys is acceptable because it is just about gender. There is nothing a guy can say that will truly send some girl home and cry.

Various people did not agree with the boys posters that used the word, "pimpin'" but that's just something we see on TV, so don't criticize us; blame it on the TV. Almost all the music we hear on the radio, or the music videos we see on the TV, contain the word "pimp" or "playa" in them. We, or at least the guys, just want to fit in with the population's idea of cool.

Also, some people were offended with the words on the back of the girls' t-shirts. It contained phrases such as "We sit down to pee." I admit that I personally was a little shocked. It made me think, why are our peeing habits written on a t-shirt everyone reads?

Still, the reason why this rally is the most attended is clear. Girls versus boys may be a caveman type of deal, but it still attracts the students who go to it. It's a way for us to have competition with each other. This year, the competition was tight. The girls won by only one point. Drama is what makes these rallies exciting. When a game called for doing somersaults down the court, we all thought that Marco Reyes was going to win, and everyone stood on their feet and cheered, and he didn't end up winning. The Battle of the Sexes rally is the best indoor rally of the year and will continue to be because of good attendance and all the drama.

By Marlena Brookins
Staff writer

2004 R.C.H.S. Battle of the Sexes girls t-shirt:

If Dr. Seuss was a woman... (front)
I'm glad I'm a woman, yes I am, yes I am.
I don't live on burgers, beer nuts and spam.
I shave my legs, I sit down to pee.
And I can justify any shopping spree.
I act nice at parties, don't act like a clown.
And I know how to put the toilet seat down.
My beauty's a masterpiece, and yes it takes long
At least I can admit to others when I'm wrong.
I don't belch in public; don't scratch my behind,
I'm a woman, you see – I'm just not that kind.
I never forget an important date.
You just gotta deal with it, I'm usually late.
I'm a woman by chance, and thankful I am!
So glad I'm a woman, not a man, yes I am!
2004 (back)

Stoner? I think not

What do the phrases "inhaling the reefer," "dancing with Mary Jane", and "smoking the ganja" all have in common? All of these phrases have been used to describe smoking marijuana. Marijuana is "a dry, shredded green/brown mix of flowers, stems, seeds, and leaves of the hemp plant Cannabis sativa, and is usually smoked as a cigarette (joint, nail), or in a pipe (bong). It also is smoked in blunts, which are cigars that have been emptied of tobacco and refilled with marijuana, often in combination with another drug" (www.marijuana-info.org). Currently 40 states have made all uses of marijuana illegal while the other ten remaining states have made medical use of marijuana lega(norml.com). I'm not a drug user, so therefore I think marijuana should remain illegal in all 50 states, including medical use of marijuana.

Countless research has shown marijuana is harmful. According to www.theantidrug.com, the main active chemical in marijuana is THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol). This chemical causes many health hazards. For example, "...THC changes the way in which sensory information gets into and act on by the hippocampus; the component of the brain limbic system that is crucial for learning, memory, and the integration of sensory experiences with emotions and motivations. Not to mention one joint, in terms of tobacco content and harmful chemicals, is equal to five tobacco cigarettes" (theantidrug.com).

In other words, marijuana affects the way you think and your ability to learn. I think it's sad some students can't remember what they did the day before because they went home and got high.

Smoking or consuming marijuana also causes birth defects. "Research has shown that babies born to women who used marijuana during pregnancies display altered responses to visual stimuli... In school, these children are more likely to exhibit deficits in decision making skills, memory, and the ability to remain attentive(www.theantidrug.com). So even if students are not currently pregnant, they could potentially hurt their children in the future and/or develop a habit, which would cause them to still be using when they are pregnant. Therefore, pregnant women who smoke marijuana are setting their kids up for failure and their kids will most likely struggle through school due to birth defects.

Marijuana also affects the ability to drive safely, by decreasing one's alertness, coordination and reaction time, which can last up to 24 hours after smoking marijuana. "A study of patients in a shock-trauma unit who had been in traffic accidents revealed that 15% of those who had been driving had been smoking marijuana..." (www.geocities.com/healthmoon/smoking-marijuana/danger.htm)

Some people may say pot or marijuana should be legal because it's used for medical uses. Researchers have found that pot does help minimize cancer-related nausea, reverses the wasting syndrome of AIDS patients... and eases glaucoma symptoms," (norml.com).

This information may be true, but in my opinion, making marijuana legal for medical reasons is just an excuse to get high. Science is quite advanced. If scientists can send a space craft to Mars, clone a human embryo, and make candy that really does melt in your mouth and not in your hand, I'm sure they could come up with some other medication that has the same effects as marijuana.

Finally, those who are for the legalization of marijuana argue that the marijuana usage is so large; it would be virtually impossible to catch every single person who sells, buys, or manufactures marijuana. In my opinion, this isn't a valid reason to allow something to be legal. It's as though the government is just giving up on the drug war efforts. I think if marijuana was legal, it would be like giving a green flag to drug use. What would be next, encouraging the youth of America to be 90-pound crack addicts?

Legalizing marijuana would be like giving the kids at a fat camp a triple layer chocolate cake; nothing gets solved, and it only makes the situation worse.

By Sarah Cozad
Opinions Editor

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Spring break ideas for R.C. students

By Marlena Brookins and Gisela Heacock
Staff writers

Ok guys, let's start off with something simple. Instead of going to sleep at midnight, waking up at noon, and then plopping down on the couch to watch television, why not instead get up at a reasonable hour, stretch your arms, open your curtains, and take in the whole view of a beautiful spring morning?

Many R.C. students havetold us that all they do on spring break is sleep, but there are others who actually get out in the fresh air once in a while. If you have a dog, why don't you go walk it? The **American River Parkway** is a good place to walk the family pet. The American River winds its way around Sacramento, so there is a safe bet you'd find a place to start your journey. You could also go to 5201 Carlson Drive in Sacramento to go to the **Glen Hall Park**.

Like a bigger adrenaline rush when you're playing outside? You can go paintballing. Go to **Action Paintball Games**, which is located on the intersection of Jackson Highway 16 and Ione Rd. Sacramento/ Rancho Murieta, CA. Before you kill yourself, make sure you wear a helmet.

Bowling is another activity that students like to do. The nearest bowling alley is **Capitol Bowl**, which is located on 900 West Capitol Blvd. Capitol Bowl features twenty bowling lanes, a snack bar, three tables, arcade, and jukebox.

Here's another idea: Go to **Paradise Island**. **Paradise Island** has a huge arcade, filled with racing games, ski ball, and a miniature golf course, with different themes throughout the course. Paradise Island can be found on Exposition Blvd. and Ethan Way.

Best of all go to **Six Flags Marine World**. There are many roller coasters and water rides, as well as a variety of wildlife attractions featuring tigers and giraffes. Marine World is located on 2001 Marine World Parkway, in Vallejo, about an hour and a half away. Believe me, you won't miss it.

Vallejo is on the way to the coast, so if you're done with Marine World for the day, why not go to the beach? The northern California coast ocean water is a little on the cold side, but still perfect for wading in. There are a variety of beaches you can go to depending on whether you prefer sandy or rocky ones.

One great beachis found at **Bodega Bay,** found north of San Francisco. If you bring your dog or not, you're more likely to get kicked off the sandy beaches and sent to the rocky ones.

Yet another place to go is **Santa Cruz**. Four hundred Beach Street has a big beach, huge arcade, and even a small amusement park. Anything else is kind of far, so our journey will end now. Surely one of these ideas can make your spring break fun, but there is no satisfaction guaranteed!

"The Passion of the Christ"

A review of Mel Gibson's controversial film

By Jon Kalista
Staff writer

Thirty million dollars of Mel Gibson's own money was used to make a movie, major film companies didn't want to pay for it movie because it was too controversial. Well, this movie is very controversial and I can see why. "The Passion of the Christ" tells the story of the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ and is one of the most graphic and violent movies I've ever seen. It is, however, very well done. This makes it both ugly and beautiful and the film does get you to think about what this person went through, no matter what your beliefs are.

The violence in it is very graphic and at times I even had to turn my head. I think Mel Gibson (the director) did this on purpose. I think he wanted to stray away from those super cleaned-up versions they show you in Sunday school. Gibson directed the way the Christian Bible tells it because what happened was very graphic and violent. The actual crucifixion is portrayed as it is described in the bible. And if Hollywood had made this film, bizarre details like the demons haunting Judas would be overlooked and replaced to give it a more Hollywood feel.

The people that say that this is too violent really ought to reread the Bible. It is every bit as violent as this movie. I do agree, however, that if you go to see this movie leave your kids at home. Filmgoers should be at least a mature16.

Another point that raised a lot of eyebrows about this movie is that people say that Mel Gibson is anti-Semitic. I truly don't believe it. For one thing Gibson shows that it wasn't just the Jews that took part in the death of Jesus. There were Romans and anyone else who was around at the time. There are even Jews on the council that speak up and say that what the others are doing is wrong. The Jews are not portrayed as a group of hate mongers wanting to kill Jesus, but as a portion of the people who made up the mob. The ones who think that this movie is anti-Semitic are looking for it to be and will come up with any excuse to say so.

One unusual part of this movie was the subtitles. I think the Aramaic and Hebrew subtitles worked to great effect; they really made the experience more authentic. They really do help set the mood and the setting because it makes easier to believe that the action is taking place during that ancient time period.

The actors, who are all unknown, put in amazing performances. They had me convinced that it was biblical times and that they were actual people, not just actors. They had a very hard task and I think they pulled it off very well.

This film might be too confusing to people who have never read the story about Jesus. It wouldn't make a whole lot of sense to someone who doesn't know what happened to lead up to these events. If you go see this movie, read up on the last days of Jesus.

Overall, I think it was a very good movie. Mel Gibson did a great job getting the point across and telling the story almost exactly as it was written. It is not for kids and for people who don't think they can handle the violence, however. But if you don't fall into one of those categories I think that you should see it.

Good music for good people

Reviews of R.C. teacher's favorite albums

Pink Floyd "Dark Side of the Moon" : Mrs. Cuarenta's favorite album

This album is over 30 years old and I think it is still one of the best. It's psychedelic music with a slow to medium pacing. The songs are often long, which makes them evolve and branch out. Pink Floyd use a lot of samples to good effect (like on "Money" where they use the cash register as an intro) and it really adds to the calming atmosphere they create. Basically it's music with interesting timing, good intertwining guitar work, and intriguing lyrics. It is also a concept album and the main focus of the songs is a story of a man who is slowly going insane. It truly is a bizarre and beautiful album. The stand out tracks are "Time," "Money," and "Brain Damage." For anyone who doesn't own this album yet I suggest buying it. You won't regret it.

The Beatles "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band": Mr. Rojas' favorite album

Once again I am able to review an album that I truly enjoy. I first heard this album a few years ago when they played some of the songs during a John Lennon tribute. Later on I bought the album and have listened to it ever since. Musically great because of the variety of the songs and the well written (and sometimes strange) nature to them. I believe this album changed the way music was played. The tracks on this album range from a number of different styles (and instruments) like "Within You, Without You," to songs like "A Day in the Life." The stand out tracks are "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds," "When I'm Sixty-four," (which is also my favorite Beatles song) and "Within You, Without You." This is a great album, not there best, but up there. It's still essential to anyone who likes the Beatles.

Bob Dylan "Nashville Skyline": Mrs. Green's favorite album

Bob Dylan decided to do a country album and let me tell you that this is pretty good. It has Bob Dylan's standard great song writing. It is old-time country (not like that crap that surfaced after the 70's and stayed with us that is the country of today) that is mixed with folk. There vocals are done right in the Bob Dylan way and the songs are well paced. Some people complain about this album, saying that it's too short, but I think this album is just right, especially when some of the other old-time country singers like Johnny Cash had some really short songs. A very well done album that fans of old-style country will enjoy.

By Jon Kalista
Staff Writer

"Getting faded" fades away your life

The Past

An R.C. student struggles with addiction

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Frankie Ruiz, and I'm going to tell you about my past. It all started when I was 12 years old. I tried alcohol for the first time. I used to think I was hard because I began drinking and smoking, but I started to get depressed over family problems. I was depressed for about five months before I said, "I give up and I don't care."

From then on I started to use cocaine and moved onto bigger drugs like meth, crank, crack, and shroomsticks. I used to pop pills too. Sometimes I didn't even know what they were, but I still took them because I didn't care what happened to me as long as I was high.

By the age of 14 I was living on the streets, selling and doing drugs. I thought that was the life to live. I saw a lot of things, like when people got their heads blown off in front of my face. I saw that kind of stuff a lot. After seeing all that, I started to carry guns and knives on me everywhere I went. It got so bad that if someone would look at me the wrong way, I would hit them or fight them. But before I turned 16 I got a reality check, and I quit all that cold turkey.

I started getting help last year. I've been in a lot of mental hospitals. That isn't fun, being tested every couple of hours. You can't sleep because you're on pills all the time, and they check on you every 15 minutes.

But one year later, I have a girlfriend who sticks with me through thick and thin. I do hear voices in and out of my head because of all the drugs I did, so I preach to people about drugs and street life and how it has affected me. I also know that they might affect me with working too. So if you are doing drugs of any kind STOP NOW while you are ahead. I lived that life and that is no life to live.

By Frankie Ruiz
Guest Writer

Mr. Schumacher's Drawing and Painting class students created anti-tobacco ad posters as one of their class assignments. (Left): Sophomore Calvin Langford. (Right): Senior Ashlee Stigen

Mythbusters!

The truth about alcohol revealed

By Lucy Mendoza, "Ph.D."
Features editor

Alcohol has no effect on a person's brain. It just make the user feel good and have a good time...yeah right! Alcohol has many serious effects on the human body, especially on the human brain. A number of people don't know the true facts about what alcohol can do to you, even if if you're not addicted to it.

Myth 1: A cold shower and coffee will sober a drunken person up.

No. According to factsontap.com, the only thing that a cold shower and coffee will do to you is make you a wide-awake, wide-eyed drunk. Time, and only time, can cure drunkenness. Coffee and a cold shower may make people seem more aware of their surroundings, but their blood alcohol level (BAC) will remain the same. You must wait for all of the alcohol to pass through your body.

"I thought cold showers and coffee along with aspirin helped drunks because they always show that in movies," said junior Randi Eckman.

Myth 2: Alcohol gives you energy.

If your definition of energy is being slower in thinking, speaking, and moving than you usually are, then yeah, it gives you "energy." But it doesn't - it is a depressant, and makes you feel less active. For instance, alcohol can lower your concentration level, make you begin to stutter when speaking because you can't think straight, and make your reactions a lot slower and less powerful than usual (factsontap.com).

Myth 3: The right thing to do for people who are drunk is to put them to rest and let them sleep it off.

This is true if you don't ever want them to wake up! According to factsontap.com, the truth is that if a friend is drunk they may become unconscious and if they go to sleep they could go into a coma and never wake up! Sophomore Jessica Martinez said, "I always thought if you were drunk you could pass out and be fine, but I guess you could die."

Instead, when people are intoxicated, the best thing to do for them is to try to wake them up because they could be unconscious, which can lead to a coma because alcohol causes your brain to begin shutting down. If you cannot awaken an intoxicated person, put him or her in a fetal position and call 911. According to the same research website, the amount of alcohol it takes for one to pass out is close to the amount it takes to kill a person.

Myth 4: Alcohol is a great way to relax and reduce stress.

Many people think alcohol does in fact reduce stress levels and help people feel more relaxed. The truth, however, is that alcohol does not cause a person to feel better physically or mentally. According to research conducted by the University of Wisconsin, adrenaline levels actually increase in the human body while alcohol is consumed. Drinkers may feel more stress-free, but the body in reality accumulates extra stress than before they drank the alcohol.

Myth 5: "I am bigger, so I can handle my liquor better."

Sure, the consumer's body mass may be a factor in determining how much it takes for them to get "messed up." However, there are greater factors that determine how quickly a person can get drunk. For instance, a person's metabolism, which regulates how fast liquids and solids leave the body, is a major aspect to consider. Since metabolism controls the intake and outtake of bodily fluids, it is important to have a good working metabolism. Food intake and the amount of rest one gets also play a part on how much liquor a person can handle (factsontapp.com).

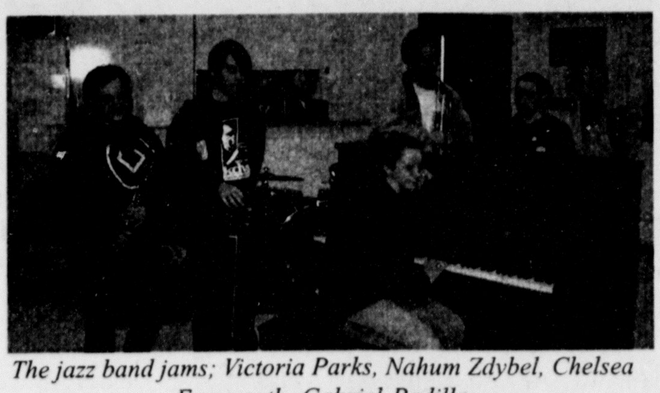
Alcohol has a serious effect on the human body, especially the brain. Before you think about becoming the victim to this potentially dangerous substance, think about your future, what you want to be, and your friends and family who love you. Imagine lying on a bed "passed out" in a puddle of your own vomit and never being able to wake up. If you don't want to be in that situation, think twice before you "party hardy" and drink your life away.

Sports & Activities

Musical talent thrives at R.C.

Nine out standing musicians reach for more than just the standards

By Matt Richardson
News Co-Editor



The jazz band jams; Victoria Parks, Nahum Zdybel, Chelsea Farnworth, Gabriel Padilla

R.C.'s music department hit a high note this semester as jazz and A.V.E. classes had a group of nine great vocalists and band players participate in more than just their required performing arts classes. This year five students were chosen to receive jazz scholarships and four students sang in the Golden Empire honor choir.

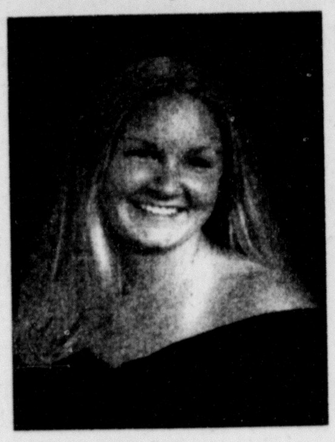
A.V.E. vocalists senior Chelsea Farnworth, junior Kassandra Dotson, senior Ryan Westlake, and junior Jimmy Wolf were accepted in the Golden Empire honor choir. This honor group is comprised of the best vocalists from each regional school who meet, rehearse and perform in a concert. This year's concert was held February 8 at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, and, according to band director Ms. Alleger was, "A well-performed concert with challenging music." Alleger, added that she was very glad the students got the chance to experience other teachers. "This makes me proud to know that they will be improving."

The five musicians who were accepted to receive jazz scholarships was sophomore Gabe Padilla, sophomore Meagan Morrison, senior Chelsea Farnworth, senior Nahum Zdybel, and sophomore Victoria Parks. These students were required to write an essay about their interest and experience in traditional jazz for Alleger. Alleger then hand-picked each one of them, as she does every year, and gave them scholarships ranging from $400 to $800 that came from donations from jazz society members and are to be used towards private lessons. Nahum Zdybel, a senior guitarist who received money for lessons, said, "I feel very exited about getting this scholarship because it will give me a chance to improve my music."

Player profile

Holder holds key skills on field

By Sarah Cozad
Opinions Editor



It's a typical River City girl's varsity soccer game; the sun is shining, the crowd is cheering, and the clock is ticking. A player from Cordova boots the ball towards the R.C. goal. Suddenly, a ferocious blonde appears out of nowhere, obstructing the ball, like a dam against a rushing river, and sends the ball sailing toward the R.C. offense. Who is this mysterious blonde player? Her name is Heather Holder, the Girl's Varsity Soccer Co-Captain.

Senior Heather Holder has been playing soccer for an impressive nine years, three years for R.C.'s varsity team. Although Heather hasn't won any awards for her soccer playing skills, she finds a greater reward by releasing emotions when she plays. "Soccer is fun. I feel great when I play because I'm letting out anger and frustrations," said Holder.

Coach Restivo describes Holder as hard working, as well as dedicated. "Heather is the anchor of defense. She's experienced with solid skills. Not only is she physically strong, but she's mentally strong as well. Heather is an-all around good kid," said Restivo.

Some of the other varsity girl soccer players also describe Holder as very focused and strong.

"She has a lot of great ball-handling skills. She never gives up and has a lot of heart when she plays," said varsity player Lupita Zuniga.

When time has run out and the game is over, R.C. has beat Cordova in an amazing shutout. Holder's skills have helped the team get another important victory. However, even with all of Holder's skills she knows that she could not have accomplished all that she has without the help of her teammates.

"Team work means working together and keeping everyone at the same level," said Holder.

On-campus vs. off-campus coaches

Do R.C. students lose out when only a third of their head coaches are R.C teachers?

By Sarah Liden and Lucy Mendoza
Staff writer and Features editor

This year at River City, only 11 of a total of 22 head coach positions are staff members on this campus. These eleven positions are filled by eight teachers, out of a teacher pool of 75 at R.C., and include Mr. Brooks, Ms. Koester, Mr. Restivo, Mr. Seffens, Ms. Hatz, Mr. Watkins, Mr. West, and Mr. Hanagan. Additionally, Mr. Dennis is an assistant coach and Mr. Baker acted in an unpaid capacity to help with all three football teams. None of the remaining R.C staff members coach, although some teachers like Mr. Ferris and Mr. King coach at other schools. Instead, off- campus coaches are recruited to coach football, wrestling, volleyball, basketball, swimming, baseball, and softball. As a result, athletes aren't held as responsible for keeping up their grades or following school rules, and they don't get to bond as closely to one of their teachers in a way that could have an important impact on them. By contrast, off- campus coaches are often hard to get a hold of, sometimes are late for practices, and don't relate to their students except during sports.

Even though coaches receive a taxable stipend of $1975-$2634, many teachers say they don't want to coach. "I have a family and I want to get home to my kids," said P.E. teacher Mr. Brill. Ms. Leifson says that when she used to coach swimming, it took four to five hours of extra work per day.

"I don't coach anymore because it was very time consuming and my doctor said that I wasn't dealing well with the stress. I really love coaching swimming and I thought the students were fantastic. When you take into consideration all the other things I am responsible for, it was just too much," said Leifson, who runs the school's ESL program.

The *Review* found that whether or not a teacher is willing to coach athletic teams also depends on the teacher's subject area. For example, for a core academic teacher in English or math to coach, they have to balance their time so they are still able to grade papers and homework and create lesson plans. P.E. teachers, on the other hand, rarely have student work to correct, so they have more time to spend coaching. However, R.C. only has six P.E. teachers, three of whom already coach. Academic classroom teachers also may just not be interested in coaching or have no experience in a particular sport. So, as a last resort the Athletic Director must hire off- site coaches or else certain athletic teams would not be able to compete.

On-site coaches do have good things to say about being a coach. "There is communication with the team, staff and the administration," said Baker, who has been head coach for varsity football in the past. "Plus, these coaches are credentialed and certified." This means that they are trained, educated teachers who have experience in a variety of areas and are used to helping students. These coaches also have a familiarity with the campus policies and regulations, as well as easy access to parent contact information

"I believe that as an on-site coach, one is able to keep track of classes and grades, keep the players eligible, and out of trouble," said Mr. Seffens, R.C's varsity baseball head coach. Some R.C. students have a different view. "It's good that the coaches are off-site because they don't know your grades, " said senior Michael DeMars, "but they are always late." DeMars has an off-site wrestling coach, but when DeMars plays football he has both on and off-site coaches.

P.E. Department chairperson Mr. Dennis agrees that off-site coaches don't track their athletes nearly as closely. " I think off-campus coaches cannot keep track of their athletes like an on-campus coach can. Therefore the student loses out." Some student athletes feel there are many advantages to having an on-site coach, whom they say often knows up-to-date details before anyone else does. "It's easy to get a hold of them, and they know everything that needs to be known," said junior tennis player Randi Eckman.

Softball player Heather Elliot, a sophomore, also agrees with Eckman. "Having Ms. Hatz as a coach works better for me because if I need to talk to her or she needs to talk to me, we can talk to one another whenever we want to during the day."

So how can R.C. increase its number of on-site coaches? Leifson said she believes that more teachers would coach if teams received written budgets, and all teams received the same amount of money. Another suggestion is to have a permanent place to post sports results and upcoming games, so the teams can be acknowledged on an ongoing basis. "It is very hard to coach here because you feel like no one cares about what your team is doing. Maybe that was because we were the swim team, and not all of the big sports, like baseball, basketball or football." Busing issues and games during vacation periods were also cited as added problems for coaches. Finally, a larger stipend might also help staff decide to coach. "Last time I divided the coaching check by the number of hours, I came up with less than two dollars an hour," said Leifson.

Sports Briefs & Club Updates

By Samantha Cieri, Gisela Heacock, Sarah Liden, Sarah Smith, Jessica Colgan, Chelsea Mudgett, Jon Kalista, Tiffany Pina Staff Writers

Winter sports roundup

Basketball
Freshmen boys: 4-10
Varsity boys: 7-5
J.V. boys: 2-10

Basketball
Freshmen girls: 1-1
J.V. girls: 2-12
Varsity girls: 0-14

Wrestling 2-5

V. Boys Made Playoffs

The boys varsity basketball team ended up with a winning record of 7-5 after making it all the way to the division playoffs.

Although they tried their hardest against Foothill, they were defeated in the last seconds.

Throughout the game, the River City Raiders had to fight their way back to keep up with field goals. During the final minutes Sou Saeteurn and Tony Hernandez made two three-point baskets to tie the game.

With just two seconds Foothill had the ball and attempted a three pointer, but a referee called a controversial foul on R.C.and Foothill went to the free throw line.

Their player made all three shots, and the game ended in frustration, with fans from both teams calling the referee's call unfair.

Still, the boys tried their hardest and had a great season.

Spring Sports

V. Boys Baseball

R.C.'s varsity boys baseball is on a roll with a record of 4-2, blowing away all other teams. The boys played their pre-season playoff game on March 10th and lost 4-5. Their earlier games were against Mira Loma (19-3), Center (5-0), Capital Christian (13-2), and Foothill (10-0). Taking the lead in batting is Darwin Wiman, with a batting average of .545. Second is Andrew Arreola with .583, followed by Zeddie Barger with a .417.

V. Girls Softball

River City's girl's softball is off to a tough start. The varsity team has a current record of 2-7.

In their most recent game against Golden Sierra the lady Raiders lost in an upsetting defeat, with a score of 7-6. During the Argonaut tournament they won only one of their four games.

The losses may be because the team is still very young with only two returning seniors, Miriam Lopez and Rosa Verduzco. The team's coach, Ms. Hatz, says that usually every two years the ladies need to rebuild and focus on the fundamentals of the game. This season the team isn't hitting well. They are also working on pitching, because they want fewer walks.

One of the team's pitchers is Heather Elliot, who also has the leading batting average of .467. The R.C. girls are holding their second annual River City softball tournament on March 26-27.

J.V. girls-4-3

V. Girls Soccer

As of March 17 the official league games have yet to start, but the varsity team is playing well in its practice games.

This year the varsity team is made up of half freshman and half sophomores, with returning players Lupita Zuniga, Lauren Rubalcava, Heather Holder, Monique Rodriquez, Monique Costantino, and Tenissa Goytia. Coach Restivo sees high potential in both varsity and junior varsity teams, and has high hopes for them this season.

Leadership

Leadership has been planning many events, from awards ceremonies to prom. Some of the events leadership worked on in March were the Academic and Attendance Awards ceremony on March 15, the WASC Review Committee reception on March 21 and the WASC Review of the school from March 21 to the 24. They also held the Sadie Hawkin's dance on Friday, March 19. In April, they will be helping with the annual Open House on the 27th.

Swimming

The swimming season began on March 9, the date of the team's first swim meet, which was at home. They beat their opponents, Foothill and Highlands, with a score of 94-3 for boys and 105-38 for girls. Their March 11 match was against Rio Linda. They beat them with a score of 98-37 for the boys and a score of 87-71 for the girls. Their first away game was against Pioneer on March 16. The coaches for this year are Angie Bahr, head coach; Vance, assistant coach; and Stacey Paige, assistant coach. This season's swimmers are all four grades. Eight of the swimmers involved are returning swimmers, but the rest of the team consists of new swimmers. Their current record is 3-0 for both boys and girls.

Tennis

R.C.'s tennis team is known as R.C.'s only undefeated team, and true to form they entered the season with a great start, winning their first four matches. However, on March 4, 2004, Argonaut beat River City's tennis team in our fifth match of the season. Our tennis team has a number of returning players, including Sen Saetern, who is the Senior Tri-Captain, John Shofner, and Vu Tran. Coach Brooks says that they need more freshman girls, if possible.

Track and Field

Even though Athletic Director Mr. Seffens says there was a highly qualified coach available for this spring sport, there is still is no track team as of press time. Seffens says that only four people signed and showed up for tryouts. Also, he says not a lot of students knew there even was a track team.

B.E.S.T.

B.E.S.T. Club had a meeting on February 24 about their trip to the deep-water channel to gather data for their Swainson Hawk project on February 27. They will be going to clean up the area where the hawks land, so they can nest safely. They will be renting a van from Enterprise and the presentation of their trip will be put together during March and they will start weaving hawk nests in May. B.E.S.T. Club meets on Tuesday mornings before school. See Mrs. McAllister for more information.

French Club

Last month French Club celebrated Mardi Gras in each of Ms. Connolly's classes. French Club students wore beaded necklaces and masks, and watched clips of various Mardi Gras celebrations. The club is planning an April trip to Mrs. Mesquita's 4 grade class at Westmore Oaks to teach French to the kids in the class. French Club meets Wednesdays during lunch.

S.W.I.T.C.H

This club invites students to learn and discuss Christianity. In S.W.I.T.C.H students read from the Bible, and talk about what they think is important in life. On Wednesday mornings everyone is welcome to come to the Christian club in room one at 7:15 for doughnuts.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

New high school: what to fear most

An article in Monday's Bee may serve to emphasize why West Sacramento needs to steer clear of the "mega-school" syndrome.

The story focused on Folsom High School – home to about 2,500 students and recently troubled by an accusation about a string of sexual assaults perpetrated by a student. The principal commented that the large size of the student body "is an issue," and others also pointed out that it is easier for a kid to become alienated on a large campus and hard for teachers, counselors or administrators to get to know them. Security, education and well-being all tend to suffer on large campuses.

Like West Sacramentans, Folsom residents chose to head for a single big campus to accommodate growth, both because it appeared cheaper than building multiple schools and because they wanted to promote the community-building "small town togetherness" they believed would happen if everybody attended the same school. They are now backtracking on that strategy, building a new school rather than let Folsom High get too much larger.

West Sacramento remembers well its days of having two high schools, and in fact it is this unpleasant memory that is the single biggest factor in steering its district towards construction of a new 3,000-student school. People of a certain age here remember a rivalry between two city schools that often got nasty. They don't want to see that again.

This concern is valid, and the idea of two rival schools ought to be avoided. But the specter of a single mega-school, with its urban-style problems, is worse.

Folsom is now exploring the idea of combating its troubles by introducing smaller "learning communities" at Folsom High.

West Sacramento is looking at similar ideas for its planned new school, through a project that includes "designing" the new school that is largely to be paid for by a recent school bond.

The ideas that come out of this design process can't be just lip service and academic jargon. They must be real. This city can't afford to build a mega-school.

Advocates of the school bond urged the city to vote "yes" even before the school's site was nailed down, stressing that "the kids can't wait" for a later bond. It's important to remember that the new high school is a one-time deal, so important that the kids can't afford a second-rate plan.

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Once a thing has forward momentum – as the new high school does – it is monumentally harder to change its course. That is true whether it is the site for a school or the zoning for a Wal-Mart.

And whether it is a Super Wal-Mart on Reed Avenue or a double drive-through McDonalds on Lake Washington Blvd., the best time to avoid an issue is to deal with it before it gets here. The city's land use plans mean everything.

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Letters to the Editor

Reconsider new high school site

With great reluctance I voted for the local school bond measure. Why reluctance? Because of the ill-chosen site.

I taught in high schools for more than thirty years, and I know the clientele well.If the Jefferson/Linden site is chosen, it is going to be a management and discipline headache for the life of the school. Adolescents cut class. They like to hang around shopping centers. Some of them like to shop-lift. They jay-walk. It's not that they're bad, it's that their judgment development hasn't caught up with their physical development. For all of being nearly adults, they still need for the community to keep them safe.

The traffic problems are going to be worse than anyone imagines, at such a busy intersection on a major arterial on which the traffic volume increases monthly. The site is difficult to access to students living north of West Capitol Avenue; not every student has a car or a willing adult to do chauffeur duty.

Wrestling this property from a reluctant owner is, moreover, not an honorable thing to do. This family has already been traumatized by a property confiscation that should never have happened. Why is a school board, of all entities, trying to make it happen twice? It's disgusting.

This site needs reconsideration.

LaVERNE IRELAND
West Sacramento

Less classes at RCHS is a bad idea

West Sacramento residents resoundingly declared that they valued education on March 2 when they agreed to foot the bill for the new $38 million high school. Does the school board place the same high value on education?

Thursday, March 18, River City students learned they will be offered only six classes a year instead of the customary seven when high school counselors asked them to select their six classes for the upcoming year. What does this mean?

Students seeking admissions to state colleges and universities have one less opportunity a year to meet the state's A-G requirements (15 required classes plus 3 recommended). This list of 18 classes added to the additional year of history and two years of PE required to graduate from high school leaves students with a total of 21 necessary classes. Students at grade level are left with a mere three opportunities to take additional classes. Students still in need of additional academic support have fewer opportunities to take additional classes. Such classes include drivers education, advanced art or music, leadership, journalism, accounting, ROP, computer programming, photography computers, and AVID.

Does the board find the current number of students moving on to higher education so satisfactory that they are willing to risk its reduction by providing students with less support and fewer opportunities?

Now that seventh period has been removed from Golden State as well (will reading, writing, science, or history go untaught?) students will arrive at River City having been given fewer opportunities to prepare for success. Does your school board's latest statement regarding the value of educational opportunities reflect your view?

What can residents of West Sacramento do? Attend the next board meeting on March 25 at 7 p.m. at the new City Hall building to express your views. Call Superintendent Partrick Campbell at the WUSD office at 375-7600 to express your opinions and confirm the time and place of his next board meeting.

MICHELLE BROWN
Teacher, Golden State Middle School

City survey was invasive

We were sorry to see that your compulsion to tear apart the letter I wrote last week lost so much of its meaning. At least allow me to say that the survey that I objected to was sent out with the City of West Sacramento bill. It was invasive.

C. McDONNELL
West Sacramento

We need more low-income housing

Our Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the latest agency to help to progress the goal of affordable housing, the biggest resistance coming from any nearby development with the old protest, "Not in my back yard" (NIMBY). The fear is that such housing would lower values of nearby development.

But for several years we've seen interest rates for new and refinanced homes stay at an artificially low 5-6% with prices climbing higher per year than the income index. Often no down payment is needed. How many billions of dollars per year do government agencies spend yearly to allow FHA, Fannie Mae, to adjust rules and maintain low interest rates to ineffect subsidize developers, contractors, banktype lenders and "normal" home buyers? Yet

Please see LETTERS, p. 11

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The following person is doing business as Affordable Window and Glass, 2804 Pitzer Cir., West Sac., CA 95691:

Donnie Dishman, same address:

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/s/Donnie Dishman

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The following person is doing business as SKN Drafting Service, 127 Palm Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE STATE OF YOLO
In the Matters of NOAH DONALD RHINEHART, SUMMER LYN RHINEHART, CHRISTIAN RHINEHART
NO: JV-02-00167, JV-02-00168, JV-02-00169
Minors
CITATION

TO: GEORGE RHINEHART: YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on MAY 19, 2004 at 10:30 A.M. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor children, Noah Donald Rhinehart born on 2/28/1996, Summer Lyn Rhinehart born on 5/10/1997, and Christian Rhinehart born on 4/28/1999 to Debbie L. Burgdorf. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 2/20/2004
/s/Donna M. Petre
Judge of the Juvenile Court
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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Manmohan Skapoor, same address:

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/s/Manmohan Skapoor

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File No. 2004-225

The following person is doing business as Duong's Asian Market, 2949 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

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/s/Tommy Duong

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File No. 2004-186

The following person is doing business as Appraisals Now, 2805 Almond St.:

Brian Kelly Rasmussen, West Sac CA 95691:

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/s/Brian Kelly Rasmussen

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 2, 2004
File No. 04-119

The following person is doing business as Marvin's Quality Auto Care, 1512 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Marvin D. Walker, 3725 Solomon Island Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691; Petrice L. Taplin-Walker, same address.

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/s/Marvin D. Walker
/s/Petrice L. Taplin-Walker

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 26, 2004
File No. 2004-218

The following person is doing business as Signori Designs, 38385 Larue Way, Davis CA 95616:

Dorian Signori Balsdon and Howard H. Balsdon, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

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/s/Dorian Signori Balsdon
/s/Howard H. Balsdon

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 2004-1080

The following person is doing business as Rainbow Building Service, 1045 Carrie St., West Sacramento CA 95605:

JoAnn C. Rasmussen and Glenn E. Rasmussen, same address as above.

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/s/Stephanie Stevens

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Filed Feb 23, 2004
File No. 2004-194

The following person is doing business as Hallmark Properties, 110 F St., Davis CA 95616:

Julian R. Youmans, 44124 Greenview Drive, El Macero, CA 95618; Reed Youmans, 44735 S El Macero Dr., El Macero CA 95618; John Youmans, 1209 Fordham Dr., Davis CA 95616; Julian M. Youmans, 2334 Benton Pl., Davis CA 95616.

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/s/Julian M. Youmans

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/s/Michele Barefoot

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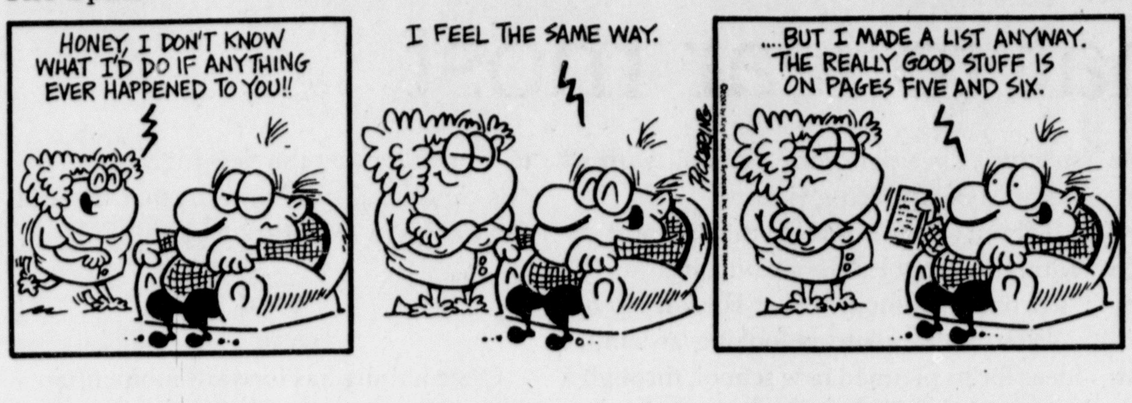
The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time.
—James Taylor

PUZZLES & COMICS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering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I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
....BUT I MADE A LIST ANYWAY. THE REALLY GOOD STUFF IS ON PAGES FIVE AND SIX.

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SCISSORS 2004
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SURE, SID...HE COULD HELP RAISE CAMPAIGN MONEY AND HELP ME WIN THE MIDWEST, BUT EVERY INSTINCT TELLS ME NOT TO RUN WITH SCISSORS...
THE CONTINUING POLITICAL WOES OF WOULD-BE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, J. PETER SCISSORS...
KOPERVAS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

THAT'S NOT HOW MY DEAR DEPARTED HARRY USED TO TAP TREES.
THAT'S NOT HOW MY HARRY BUILT THE BOILER FIRE.
THAT'S NOT HOW MY HARRY TESTED THE SYRUP.
THAT'S NOT THE WAY MY HARRY USED TO ASK ME TO GET THE HECK OUT OF THE SUGARHOUSE!!

...ESPECIALLY WHEN DRESSED WITH AMBROSIAL DELIGHTS...
...IT CREATES THE MAGIC OF EPICUREAN NIGHTS!
PRAY, DELIVER SAID MORSEL AND I SHALL THEN GO...
...AND PAY YOU NEXT TUESDAY...
...COME RAIN, SLEET OR SNOW!
IT'S A HAMBURGER I UNDERSTAN' YA SEEK...
...FER WHICH Y'LL PAY ME SOMETIME NEX' WEEK...
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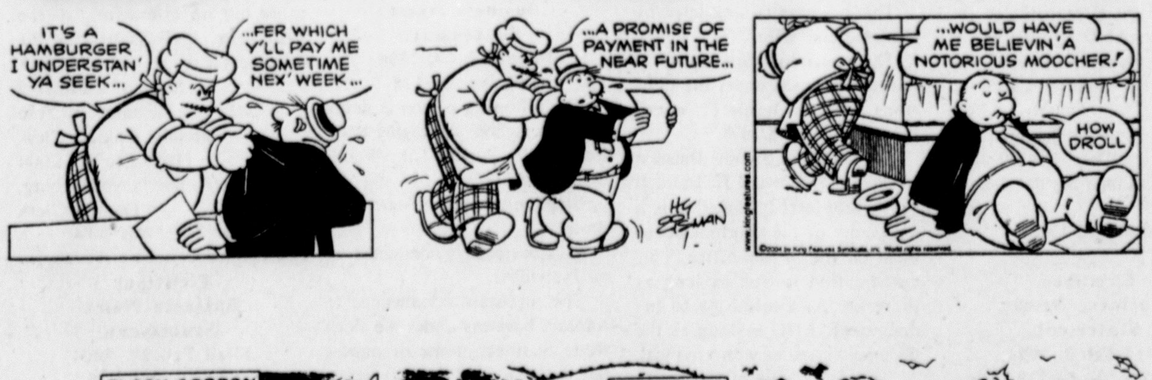
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EVERY DAY A STRUGGLE JUST TO SURVIVE.
THEIR ONLY HOPE...
...TO STAY ALIVE LONG ENOUGH TO FIND A WAY HOME.

FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
NIGHT HAS FALLEN ON THE FOREST KINGDOM OF ARBORIA.
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– APTLY NAMED – Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Ohio city
6 "Serpico" author
10 Long Island resort
15 Arafat's grp.
18 Perfect
19 Perry's creator
20 Ancient Greek region
21 CSA soldier
22 Pungent person?
24 Hit man?
25 Compass pt.
26 Goal
27 Horrid Heep
28 Swedish port
29 Fresh
31 Length X Width
32 Sheik site
34 Coin-toss call
36 Actress Rossellini
40 Sly — fox
41 Annoying woman?
43 Hole punchers
44 Impact sound
46 Smeltery stuff
47 Merino male
49 Cartographer's creation
50 Sharp guy?
55 Author Wallace
56 He's abominable
57 Bikini part
58 Harden
59 Puppy bites
61 Horse show
62 Cul-de- —
63 Solidify
64 — a customer
65 Beer barrel
66 Avid hiker?
70 Good-looking girl?
74 Sneeze and wheeze
75 Declaim
77 "Le — Soleil" (Louis XIV)
78 Loser to DDE
80 Trolley sound
83 Great —
84 Toy toter
86 Geog. term
87 Sty cry
88 Part of B.S.
90 Billiards player?
92 Actress Gardner
93 LAX letters
94 New York stadium
95 Veneration
96 Pres. protectors
97 Industrious fellow?
99 Fleur-de- —
101 Ravenous
105 Pack peppers
106 Austin or Smith
108 Rainbow goddess
109 "Paganini" composer
111 Flourishes
113 Sluggo's sweetie
115 Scepter's sidekick
118 Clay, today
119 Happy guy?
121 Tool man?
123 Bell and Barker
124 Glorifies
125 Memo words
126 Rigg or Ross
127 Tiny colonist
128 Hold up
129 Pilsner
130 Seraglio

DOWN
1 — dream
2 Mideastern gulf
3 Devour Dickens
4 Cal. page
5 Entice
6 Servile
7 "La Rondine" rendition
8 Maui greeting
9 DC figure
10 Pasta peninsula
11 Eye problem
12 Tourniquet, e.g.
13 Hosp. area
14 Garden flowers
15 Egged on
16 Beam bender
17 Toe the line
20 Oranjestad's locale
23 Baseball's Hershiser
28 "Viva — Vegas" ('64 film)
30 Clerical garb
31 Pecs' partners
33 Inclined plane
35 Once again
36 Poetic feet
37 Self-government, in India
38 Llama kin
39 86 Across or 9 Down
41 "Swanee" singer
42 Corral
45 Assent at sea
48 "O Sole —"
50 VIP
51 Hoopster Shaquille
52 Zodiac animal
53 Hostelry
54 Sib's kid
56 Bear or Berra
60 School grp.
61 Phone button
64 Shy primate
65 Former Japanese capital
67 Pull sharply
68 Alaskan bear
69 Epoch
71 Bond foe
72 Deli meat
73 TV's "Highway to —"
76 Golfer's gadget
79 Comedian Arnold
80 Runner Sebastian
81 Ford or Grey
82 Revolutionary
84 Create a caftan
85 Imitates
88 Worn-out
89 Cognitive
91 Publisher Conde
94 Behaved like bees
96 Watching machines?
98 — -la-la
99 Living-room accessories
100 "— Too Late" ('71 hit)
102 Fiddle (with)
103 Roman structure
104 Saudi city
106 Sullen
107 Absurd
109 Tibetan monk
110 Dash
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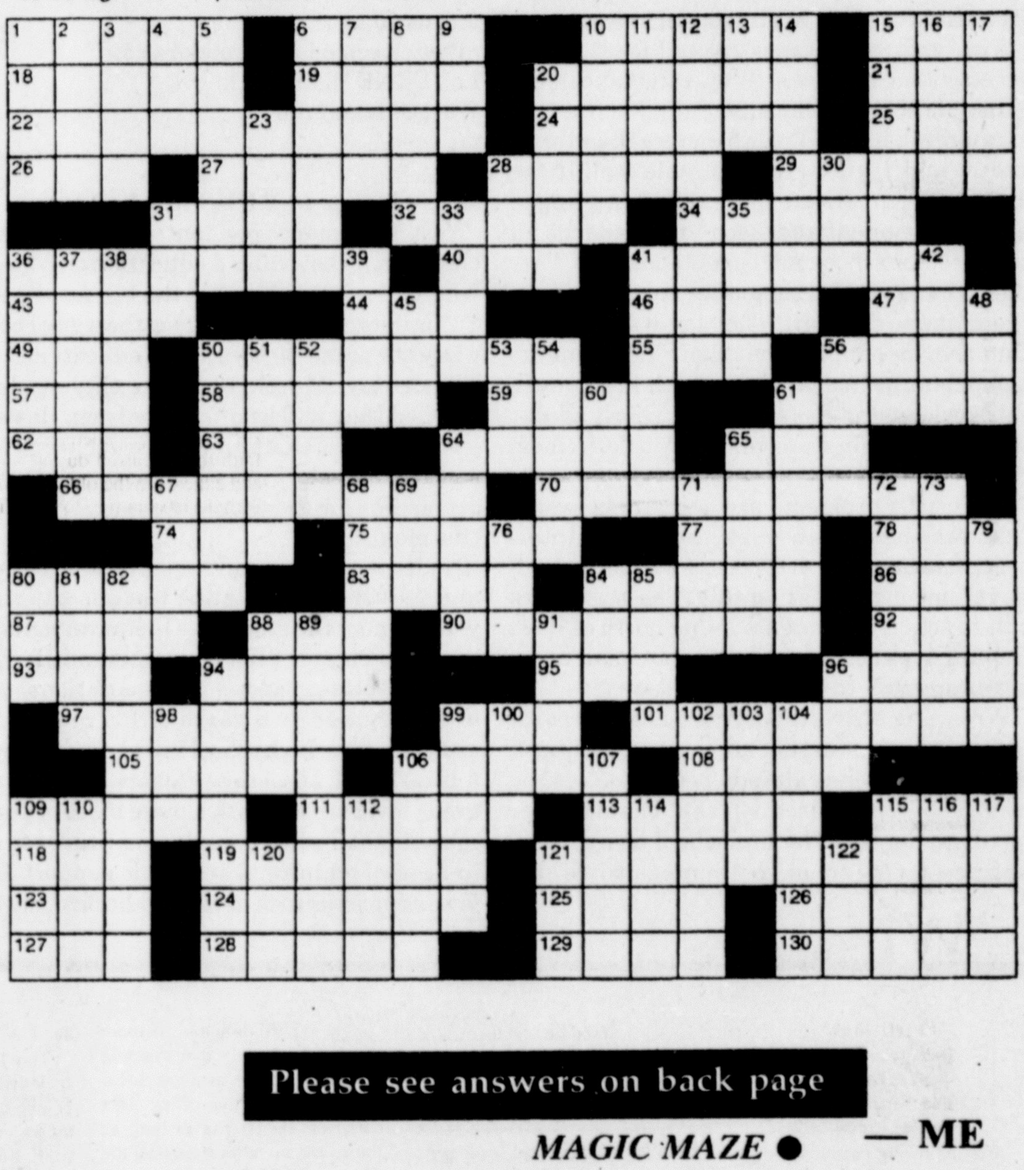
121 Triangular sail
122 Actress Farrow

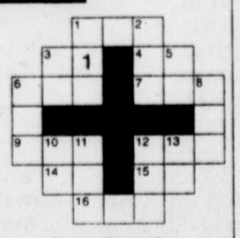


Please see answers on back page

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. One-fifth of 7-Across
3. Same digit repeated
4. Consecutive digits in ascending order
6. Consecutive digits in descending order
7. Three less than 8-Down
9. 2-Down minus 6-Across
12. Two less than 16-Across
14. 3-Down plus 13-Down
15. Twenty less than 4-Across
16. Two times 14-Across

DOWN
1. Five more than 1-Across
2. Consecutive digits in descending order
3. One-third of 10-Down
5. Four less than 13-Down
6. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
8. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
10. Eight less than 15-Across
11. 6-Down minus 1-Down
12. 4-Across plus 5-Down
13. Seven times 3-Across

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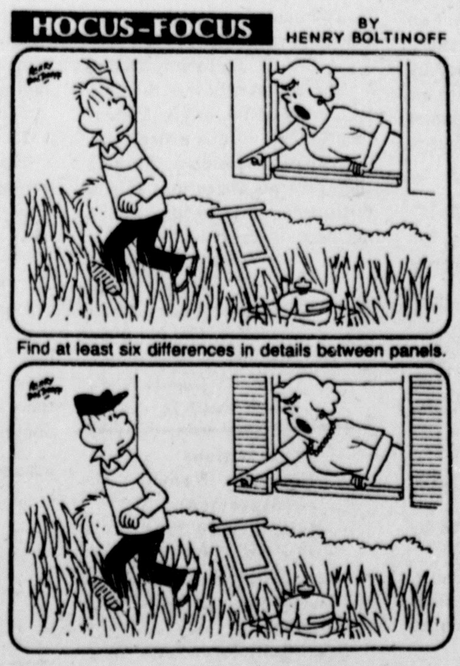
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Starsky & Hutch"

Running time: 95 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

"Starsky & Hutch" the movie is a whole lo better than the previews suggest. Thank God. And while the movie doesn't deliver a constant barrage of laughs, it does have many moments where you'll find yourself busting a gut. Just like "Zoolander" (another Owen Wilson/Ben Stiller film), this film is mostly silly, but peppered with moments of sheer comic brilliance.

"Starsky & Hutch" is a sendup of the '70s TV series, with Stiller playing the uptight Starsky to Wilson's overly relaxed Hutch. Snoop Dogg takes over for Antonio Fargas as the pimp/informant Huggy Bear and steals every scene he's in. Also returning from the series is my favorite character: the '74 Ford Grand Torino, eight-cylinders of oversteering red and white madness. Solid.

The plot of "Starsky & Hutch" goes something like this: A drug kingpin named Reese Feldman (played by Vince Vaughn sporting a John Holmes 'stache) has invented a type of cocaine dubbed "New Coke" that can't be detected by police dogs and that also tastes like artificial sweetener. He plans on bringing a huge shipment to Bay City. Starsky and Hutch have to stop him.

In the process of their investigation, the duo go undercover as mimes, interview a topless cheerleader, accidentally ruin a birthday party (a scene that produces one of the biggest laughs), and in my favorite scene, question a con (Will Ferrell in a freaky cameo) who has a sexual fetish for dragons.

Owen Wilson, Ben Stiller

And speaking of cameos, the original Starsky and Hutch, Paul Michael Glaser and David Soul, make a brief one, which is cool. The one cameo I could have done without wasn't of a person, but of a song. In one scene, Owen Wilson sings the god-awful David Soul hit "Don't Give Up on Us." I now have that wretched tune in my head, and I can't get it out.

Despite the earwig, "Starsky & Hutch" delivers more than what the previews promise. It's a fun, silly movie that I will probably watch more than a few times when the DVD comes out.

GRADE: B

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q. I've heard that the so-called gay men on "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" are not gay at all, or at least, some of them are not. Is this true? — *Helena G.*

A. According to the Fab Five themselves (i.e. Kyan Douglas, Thom Filicia, Jai Rodriguez, Carson Kressley and Ted Allen) each of them is gay.

By the way, although the show will continue to be based in New York, I'm told it will go on location later this season and straighten out some severely style-challenged heterosexual men in different cities.

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Q. On "JAG," did you or did you not write that Patrick Labyorteaux, the actor who plays the role of Lt. Roberts, actually lost a leg, just the way his character did? Also, is he married in real life as well as on the show? — *Noreeen G.*

A. Patrick Labyorteaux did not lose a leg. And, yes, he is married and has a son.

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Q. On "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit," is Detective Olivia Benson (Mariska Hargitay) secretly in love with her partner, Detective Elliot Stabler (Chris Meloni)? I sense that more this season than in the past, and other people I know who watch the show feel the same way. — *Betty R.*

A. The show insists there is no love affair, obvious or secret, between the two detectives, nor is either of them secretly pining for the other. As with most detective teams, theirs is an intense relationship based on mutual respect and, more importantly, the fact that each relies on the other for her/his life.

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Q. What is the name of the religion followed by Mel Gibson's father? — *Ed H.*

A. Hutton Gibson is what is often called a "Traditional Catholic." He rejects the liberalization of the faith that occurred during Vatican II, and adheres to the older practices that include abstaining from eating meat

QE's Fab Five

on Friday and having the Mass celebrated in Latin.

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Q. On the show "Monk," how much is actor Tony Shaloub like his finicky character? — *Bobbie T.*

A. Shaloub says, "I'm like most people. I like things clean and neat, but I'm not obsessive about it, as Monk is."

Incidentally, a survey reportedly showed that since "Monk" debuted on the USA Network, he's inspired a lot of people to straighten their closets and drawers and, in general, be more fussy about their hygiene.

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Q. I've been a fan of Ewan McGregor since he did the "Star Wars" movies and, of course, "Moulin Rouge." What's next for him? — *Dani H.*

A. Ewan McGregor is teaming up with Charley Boorman ("The Emerald Forest) as co-producer and co-star for "Long Way Around." The new series, which will air on Bravo in April, will chronicle their four-month journey around the longest continuous landmass on Earth, through the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, China and Siberia, and then crossing over into Alaska and Canada and winding up in the United States.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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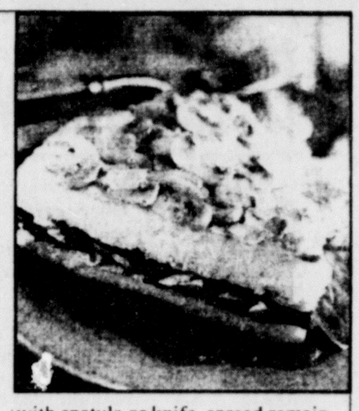
THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

MUSHROOMS ARE NATURAL FLAVOR ENHANCERS



Well-seasoned cooks are undaunted when they need to come up with an appealing meatless dish. They know they can rely on meaty substitutes that satisfy, such as mushrooms and eggplant.

Mushrooms are natural flavor enhancers that share their essence with the other ingredients in a dish. Just looking at the Polenta Pie sets the taste buds working. I suggest using the yellow polenta or cornmeal for picture-perfect appeal.

Eggplant is one of my favorite vegetables, and it's extra scrumptious as part of a ratatouille that's flavor-heightened with mushrooms. Serve it as a side dish, a first course, as a sandwich-filler in French or Italian bread, or as an entree accompanied by a mixed green salad.

POLENTA PIE WITH FRESH MUSHROOMS AND SPINACH

- *1 pound fresh white mushrooms*
- *1 tablespoon olive oil*
- *1/2 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, divided*
- *1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry*
- *1/4 cup prepared pesto*
- *1 cup instant polenta or cornmeal*

1. Preheat oven to 375 F.

2. Lightly coat a 9-inch pie plate with butter or nonstick cooking spray. Trim mushrooms; cut in thin slices. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over high heat until hot. Add mushrooms; cook and stir until tender and lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Remove 1 cup of mushrooms to a small bowl; stir in 1 tablespoon cheese; set aside. Into mushrooms remaining in skillet, stir spinach and pesto; cook until hot, about 2 minutes.

3. Cook polenta according to package directions. Remove from heat; stir in remaining 7 tablespoons cheese. Spread half the polenta in the prepared pie plate. Spoon mushroom-spinach mixture over polenta; with spatula or knife, spread remaining polenta on top; top with reserved mushroom-cheese mixture. Bake, uncovered, until heated through, about 10 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes; cut in wedges. Serve on a bed of tomato sauce or top with a dollop of pesto, if desired.

Make-ahead hint: Cover pie with aluminum foil; refrigerate up to 24 hours. To reheat, bake in preheated 375 F oven until heated through, about 30 minutes. Yields 4 to 6 portions.

MUSHROOM RATATOUILLE

- *1 pound fresh white mushrooms*
- *2 large onions (about 1 pound)*
- *1 medium eggplant (about 1 pound)*
- *2 medium zucchini (about 1 pound)*
- *1 large sweet red bell pepper (about 8 ounces)*
- *2 large ripe tomatoes (about 1 pound)*
- *2 tablespoons olive oil*
- *4 teaspoons finely chopped garlic*
- *1 teaspoon Italian seasoning**
- *3/4 teaspoon salt*
- *1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper*

Cut mushrooms in thick slices; slice onions lengthwise; cut eggplant, zucchini, bell pepper and tomatoes in 1-inch cubes. In a large (12-inch) skillet (preferably nonstick), heat oil over medium heat. Add onions; cook and stir until lightly browned, about 4 minutes.

Add garlic; cook 1 minute. Add mushrooms and eggplant; cook and stir until lightly browned, about 4 minutes. Add zucchini, bell pepper, tomatoes, Italian seasoning, salt and black pepper. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, just until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Serve in four grilled portabella caps on a bed of couscous, if desired. Yields 6 to 8 portions (8 cups).

*such as McCormick's

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Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **April 1, 1816,** novelist Jane Austen declines royal writing advice when she responds to a letter from the Prince Regent suggesting she write a historic romance by saying, "I could not sit down to write a serious romance under any other motive than to save my life."

• On **April 2, 1902,** Esther Morris, the first woman judge in American history, dies in Cheyenne, Wyo. Hailed by American suffragists as the first female judge in the world, she once said, when asked about the issue of women's suffrage, that women would do well to leave the matter in the hands of men.

• On **April 4, 1939,** comedian Jack Benny pleads guilty to buying more than $2,000 worth of smuggled gems. Benny was fined $10,000 and given a suspended sentence of a year and a day in jail.

• On **March 31, 1970,** in response to government scrutiny of Hollywood hiring practices, studios agree to increase minority employment and adopt an equal-opportunity employment agreement banning discrimination in a deal worked out with the Justice Department.

• On **March 29, 1973,** two months after the signing of the Vietnam peace agreement, the last U.S. combat troops leave South Vietnam as Hanoi frees the remaining American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam.

• On **April 3, 1990,** internationally renowned jazz singer and pianist Sarah Vaughan dies at the age of 66. The daughter of a carpenter and a laundress, she was born in Newark, N.J., in 1924 and grew up singing gospel hymns and playing piano in church.

Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD ... **Annette Bening** fans will be happy to learn they will soon be seeing Mrs. Beatty on-screen in "Mrs. Harris." This about the murder of Scarsdale Diet doctor Herman Tarnower. Bening plays Jean Harris, his killer. And get this for a lineup in other roles — **Ellen Burstyn, Frances Fisher, Cloris Leachman, Mary McDonnell, Chloe Sevigny** and **Ben Kingsley**, who plays the doctor.

To Benita C. of Laurel, Miss. Here's what I know about **Charlize Theron's** handsome young man, **Stuart Townsend**. He was born in Ireland, went to England to pursue his acting career, and then came to America and Hollywood, where he was first noticed in a horror film, "Queen of the Damned." He recently made a film with Theron titled "Head in the Clouds," which we should be seeing soon. The gorgeous couple have a home in Malibu, and I understand their next move is marriage.

Looks like **Gwyneth** is planning to have her bambino American-born. Rumor round is she has bought some kind of underwater birthing contraption and had it sent to the home of her mother, **Blythe Danner**. Meanwhile she recently received ShoWest's 2004 Distinguished Decade of Achievement Award at the convention in Las Vegas. She will next be seen on-screen opposite **Jude Law** in "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow."

Sophia Coppola got a big hug and a kiss from **Tom Cruise** when he presented her with an Independent Spirit Award at a beach bash. **Francis Ford's** daughter is still in a state of shock over the commotion she has caused as the first American woman to be nominated for a Best Director Oscar and her wins in other categories.

Ray Romano currently rates as primetime's highest-paid star. Can you imagine? TWO MILLION DOLLARS per episode! That's correct. TWO MILLION! And this for doing what he loves to do and has a lot of fun doing. Go down on your knees, Mr. Ray Romano. You're one of the lucky ones.

HOLLYWOOD IS READING: "Fabulous! A Loving, Luscious, and Lighthearted Look at Film from the Gay Perspective" by **Donald F. Reuter** (Broadway Books). Reuter writes a wickedly funny and loving look at all things gay in cinema, from the "gayest" actors to the best gay movies. He also tells of what went on behind the scenes. It's campy and very clever. ... "Taking Lives" by **Michael Pye** (Vintage Books), now a motion picture starring **Angelina Jolie, Ethan Hawke, Keifer Sutherland** and **Gena Rowlands**. This is a psychological thriller about a killer who takes on the lives of his victims. Formerly in hardcover, it's now in paperback. ... "My Last Movie Star: A Novel in Hollywood" by **Martha Sherrill** (Random House). A Hollywood PR person is in an automobile crash, and while recovering she receives ghostly visits from **Natalie Wood, Clara Bow, Myrna Loy, Gloria Swanson, Dorothy Lamour, Loretta Young** and others.

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BITS 'N' PIECES: Aside to Paul G. of Columbus, Ga. I thought everyone knew. **Liv Tyler** is married to British rock star **Royston Langdon**. It happened last March, and they live in New York. ... "Gigli," the **Ben Affleck/Jennifer Lopez** starrer, won the Golden Raspberry Award for Worst Picture of the Year. Jennifer was honored as Worst Actress, and Ben as Worst Actor. Honored? ... Joke around Tinseltown is that any punishment meted out should make the culprit sit through "Gigli." ... And have you noticed I haven't written one line about picking the Oscar winners 100 percent. Well, now I have.

Annette Bening

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Trivia test
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: Morpheus was the Greek god of what?
2. LITERATURE: What is the name of the soccerlike game played by wizards on broomsticks in the Harry Potter books?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the official language of Liechtenstein?
4. HISTORY: Where did the Boxer Uprising take place in 1900?
5. MOVIES: When was "Taxi Driver" released?
6. TELEVISION: What is the title character's profession on "Becker"?
7. LANGUAGE: What is another word for sarcophagic?
8. RELIGION: Who was the first Bishop of Rome?
9. GAMES: What is the distance in feet between the foul line and headpin in a standard bowling alley?
10. MUSIC: What does the musical term "fortissimo" mean?

Answers

1. Dreams
2. Quidditch
3. German
4. China
5. 1976
6. Doctor
7. Carnivorous
8. St. Peter
9. 60 feet
10. Play loudly

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WAL-MART from p. 1

State law doesn't allow such an advocate to participate in the council's discussion, even behind the scenes. Kristoff had earlier provided fellow councilman Mark Montemayor with the sample ordinance written to restrict Wal-Mart's grocery business, but Kristoff told the News-Ledger Monday that this occurred before Kristoff was hired by the unions.

Mayor Cabaldon appears to have at least a small link to the other side of the issue. Cabaldon is president of a Sacramento-based nonprofit organization called EdVoice, formed to advocate on educational issues. One of the group's advisory board members is John Walton, a director of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Cabaldon did not recuse himself from discussion. He said yesterday that Walton is one of nearly 60 members of the advisory board for EdVoice.

"Our advisory board is a who's who of education reform and major philanthropists. I checked with the city attorney well in advance of any discussion and he assured me there was absolutely no conflict whatsoever."

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

From the West Sacramento area on Feb. 25, 1921

LOCAL ITEMS

The Sacramntoe River registered 21 feet 11 inches U. S. guage at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday. This shows a raise of more than 2 feet since the guage was taken a week ago, and indicates that some snow in the foothills is already melting.

The children of Washington make special request that the Independent again draw attention to the dance given by them at the Town Hall Saturday evening for the purpose of risaing funds to place a new floor on the dancing hall. They promise a really enjoyable time to every one who attends and have hired the best talent possible to furnish music. They promise that the hall will be made comfortable and that no rough dancing will be permitted, but that all legitimate dances will be on the card. From indications now prevailing it appears that a large crowd will be present to help the children in their efforts.

The firm of Guastalli & Bonomi, operating the soft drink place formerly known as the Hoffman saloon, was dissolved last Saturday when Guastalli sold out to his partner. In future Mr. Bonomi will conduct the place with the asssitance of his wife.

Superivsor W. J. Leinberger left here last Monday with the other members of the Yolo Board to take part in the convention of the Supervisors of the State at Visalia.

Last Wednesday night a baby girl was born to Mrs. Archie Lewis (Hazel Stewart) at the Stewart home on Fourth street. Yesterday mother and baby were reported to be getting along nicely.

Mrs. Pauline Braun is again confined to her bed with a very serious spell. She is under the care of physicians.

Yesterday morning the "Picket" went up stream towing a barge load of oil destined for a point about three miles up the Bear River. The crew were dubious about reaching the desired destination because of the shallowness of the Bear River, but tried anyway.

George Sousa and family have moved to Folsom where he has taken a job of clearing a hundred acres of land. He expects to work a large gang of men during the spring and summer.

Hayward Reed is having the sidewalk fronting his property on Second street, between Ann and Harriett streets, filled. This was a very low sidewalk and during the rainy weather was a bad mudhole that caused great inconvenience to all pedestrians passing that way. Many residents will thank Mr. Reed for this improvement.

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Although the fishing season is wide open no salmon has been caught in the river for several months past with the exception of one landed by Charlie and George Newton. At great expense they invested in a net in the amount of about $250 and their first haul netted one salmon and two bass. Later they expect to do better when they become accustomed to the ways of the finny tribe, and when they learn to know the particular haunts of fish. Their first haul lent them considerable encourageemnt with the hope that in time they may be able to establish a fish market of their own.

Mrs. J. Painter (Vera Starkey) has been up from Oakland during the past few days visiting friends around Washington.

Mrs. Tom Evans is still confined to her bed suffering from a breakdown from overwork and nervousness.

Miss Josie Gimbling has returned from a visit of several days with friends in Stockton.

Mrs. Frank De Riso, who has been a visitor for the past few days with relatives in Oakland, has returned to Washington.

David Glenn has been suffering with a case of blood poison at his home in Bryte.

Charles Larson of San Francisco is a guest at the home of his niece, Mrs. William Hines.

Mrs. Richardson, mother of Mrs. Ed. Cluness, is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. C. E. Korrell, after her recent illness, is much improved.

Mrs. Bryan D'Anis, who has been ill at her home is much improved.

Mrs. A. McManus of Roseville was a week-end visitor with friends in Washington.

Miss Clarice Talbot and Mrs. Hazel Harris have returned from Stockton, where they were guests for several days with relatives.

The boys of the Washington School, as part of the nature study work, are preparing the ground surrounding the school for the spring planting of flowers. The manual training room has been converted into a plant nursery, in which are being propagated violets, pansies and other flowers.

Mrs. Edwin Weiger and son of Stockton have returned to their home after a short visit at the home of Miss Julia D'Anis.

Miss Eleanor King, second grade teacher of the Washington School, is confined to her home by illness.

David Crowe has returned to Washington from Vina, where he was employed.

The Washington Fire Commissioners are having a small room on the first floor of the Town Hall fenced off in such a manner that it can be used as a hat-checking room during dances.

Washington's birthday was celebrated last Tuesday by the pupils of the public school in a very fitting and appropriate manner. Exercises were held in the assembly room and many splendid lessons drawn from the life of the "Father of Our Country."

A family dinner party in honor of the birthday of Mrs. A. A. Thomas was given last Sunday night at the Thomas home. Following the dinner, the evening was spent with music. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ward Pagnello, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Thomas, Mrs. Annie Edwards and Mrs. Ella Carson.

The pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Washington School enjoyed a picnic at Del Paso Park last Monday.

Lester Strader, after a few days' visit with relatives in Washington, has returned to his home in Knights Landing.

Grant Churchill came up from Courtland last Monday and was a guest at the I. K. Manchester home.

Miss Audrey Richeson, who has been confined to her home by illness for several weeks is able to be about again.

Nobody around town seems to know Mrs. Lillian Williams who was stabbed in the forehead in a lodging house in Sacramento last Saturday. Woodland papers claimed that Phillip Perry committed the deed because of jealousy.

A good deal of publicity has been given to an immense beet grown by W. F. Smith on his lot on Elizabeth street, between Fourth and Fifth. The beet measured 3½ feet in length and had a circumference of 22 inches and weighed 22½ pounds. The dimensions are not unusual and the weight is not extraordinary for beets grown around Washington.

CLARKSBURG WILL HAVE NURSERY COSTING $100,000

Woodland, Feb. 21.—Gus Olson, president of the Clarksburg Unit of the Yolo County Farm Bureau, brings word here today that M. McDonald, president of the Otenco Nursery Company of Portland, Oregon, had purchased sixty acres of land outside of Clarksburg, and plans thereon to erect a nursery to cost $100,000 and to be known as the Clarksburg Nursery Company.

The land purchased is to be used in the propagation of young vines and trees for general distribution. McDonald makes the claim that the nursery company is to be one of the largest concerns of the kind in the Sacramento Valley and is a certainty because all matters in connection with the deal were settled before any announcement was made.

Two years ago the Morse Seed Company had 10,000 acres in seeds for international distribution. Most of them were grown in Holland Land tracts.

YOLO GRAND JURY DRAWN BY JUDGE ANDERSON

Woodland, Feb. 23.—Five women of Yolo County are on the 1921 list for grand jurors drawn this morning by Superior Judge W. A. Anderson. The twenty-five names drawn from which a grand jury will be drawn follow:

Woodland—C. E. Binning, Mary A. Bullard, Tarleton Jacobs, Mamie C. Ashley, Charles Johnson, Moses McGrew, A. W. Fox, J. F. Garrette, Nettie V. Hadsall, Addie F. Crane.

Davis—C. A. Covell, J. B. Anderson.

Winters—Georgia Chapman, Homer L. Eddy.

Yolo—Henry Kast, E. Voisard.

Madison—J. W. Gilliam, J. C. Gose, Wilkendorf.

Felix Russell, Capay; Carl Eckhardt, Brooks; E. A. Palm, Broderick; George C. Wilson, Grafton; Frank McCullough, Dunnigan; C. S. Blodgett, Zamora.

VIRDEN PACKING COMPANY MEETING HEARD RECORD OF SUCCESSFUL YEAR

EARLY BUILDING OF PLANT IN WEST SACRAMENTO EXPECTED WHEN MATERIAL PRICES REACH SOMETHING LIKE NORMAL

The annual stockholders meeting of the Virden Packing Company, which was held last Monday in Sacramento, heard the report from President Virden that secured the unanimous approbation of every contributor and stockholder in the concern.

Not one word of discord or disagreement followed the reading of the report of the president, but on the contrary that report evidently received the absolute approval of every person present.

In that report Virden explained that the delay in building the West Sacramento plant was caused entirely by the unusual prices asked for material during the past year, but anticipated that since the price for material is daily dropping with the expectation of normality soon he expected the plant to be started soon.

Attending the meeting three hundred and fifty stockholders signified their approval of this program with the result that the Board of Directors were elected as follows:

C. E. Virden, J. H. Glide, Chas. Silva, J. M. Henderson, Jr., F. F. Atkinson, J. T. Doyle, H. G. Brown, H. F. Lewis and J. C. Good.

The officers elected were: President, C. E Virden; First Vice-President, H F. Lewis; Second Vice-President, J. C. Good; Third Vice-President, J. H. Glide; Treasurer, J. M. Henderson, Jr.; Secretary, F. F. Atkinson; Assistant Secretary, G. A. Ticoulet.

Following the stockholders meeting and the election of officers a lunch was provided in Elks' Hall at which there was served all the products of the Moran Packing Plant in South San Francisco and in addition a one-half pound carton of sliced bacon of the Campfire Brand was handed to each person present.

The financial report of the concern as read to the stockholders showed a splendid healthy condition which augurs an early building activity on the part of the corporation.

Indeed the financial report made to the stockholders was of the most gratifying character because it showed an economy in management seldom equaled in so large an organization.

A report was turned in also showing that the sales of products of the South San Francisco plant exceeded five million dollars during the past year and that not less than sixty-five thousand head of stock had been slaughtered there since the last report.

The building site in West Sacramento is being prepared by the removal of the circus from the grounds to be occupied by the Virden Packing Company.

CHILD'S DEATH CAUSED BY DIPHTHERIA; DANGER OF SPREAD

Last Wednesday morning Lena Bunelli, infant daughter of L. Bunelli, whose home is at Third and Harriett street, died of diphtheria. The child had been sick only a few days and was under the care of a Sacramento physician. She was only one year and nine months old at the time of her death.

There are two other children, a boy and a girl, in the family, but neither one of them is old enough to attend school.

Immediately following the death of the child the funeral took place, interment being in the City Cemetery in Sacramento.

Since the death of the child the two other children have been treated with serum to prevent contagion.

MESSING UP HIGHWAYS SHOULD BE STRICTLY PROHIBITED

Supervisor Shadrock Gladney of the Western Yolo district has posted notices on the roads throughout his district threatening the arrest of persons who mess up the highway by dumping rubbish and other detrimental material.

Gladney threatens to enforce the order with vigor because the dumping of old cans and old papers makes it bad for picnickers who resort to western Yolo on Sundays for picnics.

With equal force might Supervisor Leinberger take similar action in this district because some people seem to take particular pains to dump their rubbish on the roadside of this district.

At the present writing there is a dump of old tin cans and old wall paper on the roadside about a mile south of West Sacramento headquarters.

Evidently a wagonload of the material was dumped at one place and another wagonload a little farther south. The old wallpaper has been scattered in all directions by the wind, making an eyesore along the road for more than half a mile. This is particularly objectionable now that many visitors from Sacramento are looking around West Sacramento especially on Sundays.

A little civic pride should deter people from practices of this kind.

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Police log

March 19, 6:30 a.m.
A 1991 Honda Accord was reported stolen from 5th Street. The keys had been left inside.

March 19, 6:46 a.m.
Someone entered a closed business on Evergreen Avenue and stole property. They may have left personal items behind.

March 19, 7:43 a.m.
A 1991 Chevrolet was reportedly stolen during the night from Westacre Road.

March 19, 7:50 a.m.
An officer took a report of a vehicle burglary on Hill Ct., after someone took a car stereo. The incident was in the same vicinity where a suspect had been arrested the prior night for vehicle burglary. The officer attempted without success to locate the suspect for follow-up.

March 19, 10:12 a.m.
An officer assisted Child Protective Services in bringing a child into protective custody at a location near Jefferson Blvd. and 15th Street.

March 19, 3:20 p.m.
An undercover officer contacted a 29-year old West Sacramento woman near Westacre Rd. and West Capitol Avenue. The woman agreed to perform a sex act for money, and directed the officer to a nearby motel. She was arrested. At least two other women were arrested for similar charges of soliciting prostitution nearby in the same "sting."

March 20, 7:03 a.m.
Someone slashed tires on a car parked in a Westacre Road parking lot during the prior night.

March 20, 10:17 a.m.
A citizen reported that someone dumped trash near Enterprise and I-80 – and then followed the suspect's car to get a description, license number and address. An officer contacted the suspect at the address. The man denied being responsible for the dumping, but when faced with arrest, he agreed to clean it up.

March 20, 11:47 a.m.
On Madrone Ave., a 2002 Toyota RAV4 was taken from a parking lot during the night.

March 20, 12:34 p.m.
An officer took a report that a female was abducted from the Stockton area; she was located on 7th St. in West Sacramento but said she had traveled voluntarily with the father of her child. A suspect being held by the San Joaquin Sheriff's Dept. was then released.

March 20, 4 p.m.
On the 800-block of West Capitol Avenue, a 36-year old man drove through a street barricade – moving fast enough to leave a 300-foot skidmark and then to move the 9,000-pound barrier 20 feet. Police found the man on Tower Bridge after he fled. He was arrested and treated for injuries.

March 20, 5:14 p.m.
A 32-year old man was stopped by an employee while stealing beer from a Sacramento Ave. business. The employee attempted to detain him, but the suspect pushed him away, threw the beer at him and fled. An officer detained the suspect at the scene and he was identified and arrested. He had outstanding warrants.

March 21, 7:21 a.m.
A 20-year old West Sacramento was contacted on Julian Dr. regarding an attempt to cash checks that belonged to someone else at a West Capitol Ave. establishment. She also had an arrest warrant, and was arrested. Also at the address, a 32-year old woman was arrested for attempting to cash someone else's checks (the same account, belonging to a woman who was deceased). During a consent search, a small bag of methamphetamine was found on the 32-year old. Police also saw evidence of check-making at the scene, including computers, a printer, check paper, and account information.

March 21, 1:28 a.m.
An officer responded to the report of an arson on California Street. Someone used an accelerant to light the victim's car on fire.

March 21, 1:23 a.m.
A 24-year old West Sacramento man in a car was stopped by police under suspicion of being involved in a drive-by shooting nearby, after shots were reported at a location variously described as Sacramento Avenue and Todhunter or near Joan Street. Four other suspects were in the car. A search turned up a 9 mm Glock pistol with three live rounds still in it. The five were arrested.

March 21, 9:50 a.m.
An officer took a report on an incident at 4th Street. A resident chased away a man who was breaking bottles on nearby railroad tracks, and the suspect fell and cut himself while running away.

March 21, 2:50 p.m.
An officer recovered a stolen 1997 Honda near I-80 and Reed. The car had been stolen from Sacramento.

March 21, 8 p.m.
A 19-year old man was contacted near 5th and C streets for crossing a street against a "don't walk" sign. During a consent search, an officer found a spring-loaded punch and the keys to a variety of vehicle models on the suspect, who had "no valid reason" for the possession of these items and a previous arrest for breaking into cars. The man was booked.

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most of the aforementioned cry "foul" or "NIMBY" when nearby affordable housing is proposed.

Having prematurely destroyed too much substandard housing with first replacing it, maybe it's time to increase interest rates on development that does not include any affordable housing and decrease rates where it is. Vary rates as much as two percentage points, depending on degree of cooperation. One option would be to build such housing elsewhere, but make sure it gets built and is financed by the NIMBY advocates. And make sure we include infrastructure costs, adequate public transit and transit-oriented development. Ironically, when a Wal-Mart is built on Reed Avenue in West Sac, most of its non-union employees will probably qualify for low-income homes -- so why not build some near there, within walking distance? And don't forget a nearby Home Town Buffet!
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Letters should be brief and must include the author's real name, address and phone number. The address and phone number will not be published.

County office offers help for veterans with hearing trouble

The Yolo County Veterans Service Office may be able to help veterans who are experiencing hearing loss or tinnitus (ringing in the ears), reports Ted Puntillo, Veterans Service Office Manager.

Puntillo said he is especially seeking veterans of W.W. II, Korea or Vietnam who served in combat or were exposed to noisy equipment in the military.

Disability compensation is available for many of these vets, and newer style hearing aids are also available free of charge to qualified veterans.

Call Puntillo at (530) 406-4850 or visit him at 120 West Main St., Suite B, Woodland California.

Puntillo also visits the West Sacramento Senior Center for outreach on Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m. at 664 Cummins Way.

Avoiding sprawl: SACOG to host forum on April 30

A forum designed to help the Sacramento region avoid sprawl and enhance transportation is scheduled for April 30 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

The "TALL Order: Choices for Our Future" forum is sponsored by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. The forum is a regional-scale workshop building on the "Sacramento Region Blueprint Project," which encouraged local jurisdictions – including West Sacramento – to scrutinize how land use plans will affect the future quality of life in the region.

Special guest at the forum will be Malcolm Gladwell, author of "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference." Co-sponsor of the forum is Valley Vision, a non-profit group that addresses regional issues.

More information on the forum is available from www.sacog.org, or from Liz Baidoo at (916) 340-6237. Some scholarships are available; for scholarship information contact Joan Medeiros, (916) 340-6207.

'Across the Bridge':

Events around the region

College fair
On May 10th high school and community college students and their parents can explore college enrollment opportunities at the Central Valley WACAC Regional College Fair at UC Davis. Representatives from more than 100 colleges and universities will be there. The fair will be held at Recreation Hall from 9-noon and 5-8 p.m. Admission is free but parking is 6$. For more information call 530-752-3710 or go on-line at why.ucdavis.edu/wacac.

Wildlife viewing
The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be open April 10th and 24th for docent guided walks where you will be able to go through grasslands and see birds of prey and other wetlands happenings. To reach the refuge trail head, take I5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west, and park; the refuge entrance is adjacent to the highway. For more information, call 775-4420.

Ragtime
The Woodland Opera House Guild will present the epic musical Ragtime from April 2 to May 2. The Opera House is located at 340 Second Street in Woodland. For performance dates and tickets information, call 530-666-9617.

Pastel society meets
The Pastel Society of the West Coast invited you to attend their general meeting at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330B Gibbons Drive in Carmichael on April 3rd from 1-4 p.m. Nationally known pastelist Duane Wakeham will be demonstrating his skills. For more information, call 985-6023.

Dude ranch visits
If you are planning a vacation for yourself or your family, visiting a dude ranch might be just what you're looking for. For information you can visit www.duderanch.org or contact The Dude Ranchers' Association, PO Box 2307, Cody, WY 82414 for a free directory of over 100 dude ranches in 12 western states and two Canadian provinces.

Bringing up Baby
The famous 1938 Howard Hawks film "Bringing Up Baby" starring Katharine Hepburn and Gary Grant will be shown at the Towe Auto Museum, located at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento, on April 16th. The program will also include a Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ Concert with Dave Moreno. Admission is $8. Call 442-6802 for more information.

Daughters of American Revolution meet
The Sacramento Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its April 12th meeting at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center at 11 a.m. and the program is entitled "A Nation for Education." Call 783-0593.

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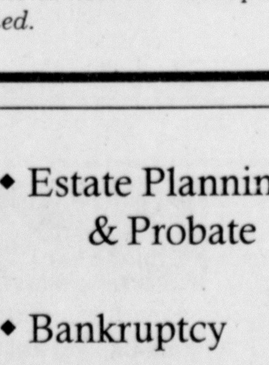
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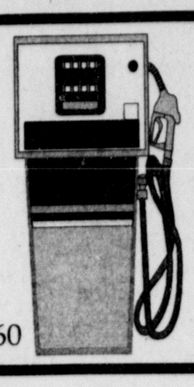

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Local Scene

Lifeguard training

Lifeguard training and CPR classes will be offered by the Parks & Community Services Department on April 5-9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the River City High School pool. Cost is $100 per person ($105 for non-residents), books included. Must pass swim test prerequisite of swimming 500 yards and treading water for two minutes. The city offers employment for lifeguards, instructors and managers during the summer. Call 617-4620.

Tomato creativity

The County of Yolo seeks fabulous tomato recipes for the county's annual display at the state fair. Recipes are due April 1 and will be published in a cookbook for distribution at the fair Aug. 20 through Sept. 6. Submit unpublished family recipes in the following categories: salsas, sauces, salads, soups, main dishes, dessert or baked goods, and "other." You may include a little bit of family lore, comments on growing, cooking or varieties, or other commentary with a Yolo flair. Children and other artists are included to submit tomato art for the cookbook. Submit to: Yolo Tomato Cookbook, c/o State Fair Committee, 625 Court St., Room 202, Woodland CA 95695. For more information, call (530) 666-8150.

Cheer & Stunt team

Tryouts for next year's River City High School Cheer & Stunt Team will be held April 16 at 6 p.m. on the school quad. An informational parent meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 6 p.m., and a tryout clinic will be held in the school gym April 12 through 15 from 6-8 p.m. For information, call Leslie Pruitt, Advisor/Coach, 417-4722.

'Poetry Slam'

April is National Poetry Month, and the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library is celebrating with its third annual Poetry Slam on Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Youth in seventh through 12th grade are invited to share their words of poetry. Type and submit them to the library by April 10, or fax to "Teen Poetry Slam" at 371-5612. Submissions must be respectful; no foul language or other questionable taste. For more information, call 375-7475.

Kindergarten

Clarksburg Elementary School is holding kindergarten registration on Wed., March 31, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Bring your child along with a birth certificate and immunization card. For information, call 744-1717.

'Tea & tour'

Holy Cross School will hold an open house for those interested in finding the right school for their children. Those with children in K-8 are invited to visit the school on March 28 from 1-3 p.m. for a presentation and tour.

Health Carnival

The Yolo County Health Department is celebrating National Public Health Week with a carnival and information faire on April 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 500 Jefferson Blvd. (at Triangle Ct. and across from the police station). Call (530) 666-8645.

German POWs

On Sunday, March 28, The Yolo County Historical Society will focus on the German prisoner of war farm labor camps in Yolo County in 1945 and 1946. The POWs were used for farm laborers in Clarksburg and Davis. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the Clarksburg Library, 52915 Netherlands Rd.

Bingo!

Casa Mobile Park at 1050 West Capitol Avenue will host bingo games every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. Set-up fee is 50 cents, two cards for 25 cents.

Seniors: planning

A free workshop on legal and financial planning as we grow older will be held at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way, from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tues., March 30. Co-sponsored by the Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center and others, and featuring attorney Randy Rosa. Register by calling (800) 635-0220.

Your two bits

Take part in a survey that is being used to shape West Sacramento's economic future: Surveys are being mailed by the City of West Sacramento and AngelouEconomics, and will also be available at city offices at 1110 West Capitol Avenue. You may also fill out a survey online at www.shapeWSac.com.

State of the City

West Sacramento's annual 'State of the City' mayor's address and dinner is being scheduled for Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at the civic center. The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce is still seeking sponsors. For information on attendance or sponsorship, call 371-7042.

Casino trip

Casa Mobile Park is sponsoring a bus trip to Thunder Valley on Thurs., April 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is $15, and there will be $5 cash back and $5 dining credit at the casino. Raffles on board. Call Chris Charles, 372-3408.

Interfaith

Representatives of area faith communities are invited to the West Sacramento Interfaith Group's monthly brown-bag luncheon at noon on Friday, April 2, at Community Lutheran Church, 920 Drever Street. Call 371-8804.

Grand jurors wanted

Applications are now being accepted for service on the 2004-2005 Yolo County Grand Jury, formed to review local government operations and making recommendations. The grand jury also considers criminal indictments based on evidence presented. Among the requirements are residence in Yolo County, U.S. citizenship and other bases. Call 375-6491 for more information and an application. Applications are due by April 2.

Come on in

The water's fine. Join the West Sacramento Dolphins swim team for the 2004 season. Area youth are invited to register on Saturdays, March 13 or 20 at Whitey's Jolly Kone on Jefferson Blvd. or on Sat., March 27 at River City High School. Registration is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at these events, or you may register at the annual barbecue at the VFW Hall Sun., April 4, from 2-5 p.m. Please bring a copy of birth certificate. $70 registration ($60 for other swimmers in same family). Call 372-8671.

Sunrise worship

The West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering will sponsor an Interfaith Easter Sunrise Worship on Sun., April 11, at 7 a.m. at Community Lutheran Church, 920 Drever Street. A continental breakfast will be served following worship. The service will be held outdoors; please bring a blanket or warm clothing. Call 371-8804 for more information.

Emigrant Trail

The Historic U.S. 40 Association is sponsoring a bus trip to the overland emigrant trail, including a stop in Truckee, on May 22 departing at 9 a.m. from the Safeway shopping center in West Sacramento. Re-enactments, presentations and guided tours. Tour is designed for adults and not small children; not equipped for wheelchairs. $24.95. Call 372-4424.

Art by youth

There will be a showing of artwork by local high school students at the Turner branch library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, from April 1 to April 29, with a reception for the artists from 2-4 p.m.. on Sat., April 3. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the West Sacramento Art Guild. The next meeting of the art guild is Tues., March 30, at 2 p.m. at Yolo High School, 924 Westacre Road. For more information, call 371-3744.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible area residents at the county building on Jefferson Blvd. from 8-9:30 a.m.; at Community Lutheran Church from 9-9:45 a.m.; at the Yolo County Housing Authority on Lighthouse Drive from 8:30-9:30 a.m.; and at the Clarksburg Firehouse from 10-11 a.m. on March 27. Please bring a bag. For eligibility information, call (530) 758-6821.

Clothing sale

A rummage sale of clothing – with all garments 50 cents each – is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon on Sat., April 3, at Joy Christian Ministries, 825 Sunset Avenue in West Sacramento. Call 375-0066.

Trail riders

The West Sacramento Trail Riders Association is sponsoring several upcoming equestrian events, including a group overnight ride to Point Reyes on April 2-3, a moonlight ride on April 5, and search and rescue training on May 14, 15 and 16. The group's April meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on April 6 at the police department's offices. For more information, call (916) 686-1187.

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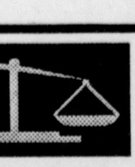
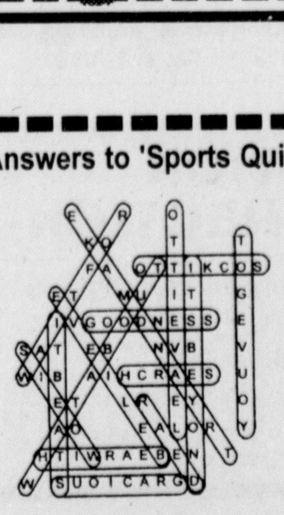
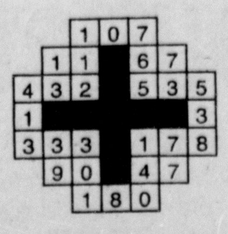
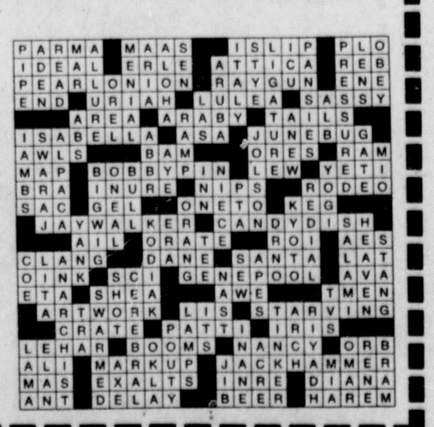


Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)



Answers

1. Pitcher Ferguson Jenkins.
2. Gus Zernial (Athletics in 1951). Frank Thomas (Mets in 1962) and Lee May (Reds in 1969).
3. The Denver Broncos have appeared six times.
4. Mike Jarvis at St. John's in 2003.
5. The Philadelphia Flyers had 24 ties in 1969-70.
6. Washington and Atlanta. Washington won, 2-1 in overtime.
7. It was 1969, in Hialeah, Fla.

Differences: 1.Necklace is added. 2. Tree is missing. 3. Shutters are different. 4. Hat is added. 5. Mower base is taller. 6. Woman's arm is longer.